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MIDDLE CONNECTICUT VALLEY MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS, Meeting for Business

January 13, ~~1959~~ 1960

The regular Meeting for Business was held on January 13, 1960 at Sherwood Friends Center. There were eight Friends present. Meeting began with silent worship and the reading of the Third Query.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read. One correction was noted: The Committee on Ministry and Counsel had previously been released from being the Nominating Committee and this was only restated at the Meeting.

Date of Meeting for Business

After some discussion of the past history of ~~the~~ changing the date for Meeting for Business, those Friends present decided there was no reason to reverse the decision, made at the November Meeting when a larger group was present, to meet at Sherwood Center on the 2nd fourth day of each month. Next ~~month the~~ Meeting for Business will be on February 10th.

Planning Committee

It was decided to postpone adding new members to the Planning Committee (formerly the Consolidation Committee) until after reports on attitudes regarding consolidation had come from the several Preparative Meetings. Present members of the committee are Fritz Kaufhold, George Schroeder, Helen Griffith, Frank Gruen, ~~and~~ Robert Heywood, Philip Woodbridge, and John Zahradnik

Nominating Committee

The following were approved for appointment to the Nominating Committee which was asked to report at the March Meeting for Business: John Foster, Convenor, Thomas Crowe, David Holden, James Fuller, ~~and~~ Janet Jones, and Helen Griffith.

The basis for appointments to the Monthly Meeting committees, length of terms, and responsibilites were reviewed by the Meeting and the following points noted for the guidance of the Nominating Committee:

1. Members are to be appointed for all the standing committees: Finance, Religious Education, Peace and Social Concerns, Program, Clothing and Relief, Records and History, Newsletter and Library; and the Meeting for Ministry and Counsel; and the Clerk, Recording Clerk and Treasurer.

2. Committees serve for one year and officers for two years starting in September, 1960.

3. The nominating committee appoints the chairman in each case.

4. The committees should feel under the weight to have regular meetings and to attend them faithfully.

5. In order to find out what committees members are most interested in working on, postcards might be sent to all the members asking them to state ~~thsixxintsrsstsx~~ on which committees they would be willing to serve.

The Clerk read a letter from Inez Fuller, who has edited the Newsletter for five years, stating that she wished to resign as of February/as her doctor has advised her to refrain from any work which requires close work with her eyes. The Clerk reminded the Meeting of ~~what~~ THE a long time Inez Fuller has carried this

heavy responsibility. It was approved that the Clerk should ask Helen Griffith, who has worked closely with the editor, if she could edit the newsletter until the Nominating Committee is able to make an appointment for the new term.

Representatives to Quarterly Meeting

Representatives named to Quarterly Meeting in Hartford on February 7th were: Helen Griffith and Russell and Barbara Brooks to Ministry and Counsel;and two of these three or George and Carolyn Schroeder for the Meeting for Business.

Meeting closed with silence.

Georgana M. Foster

Georgana M. Foster
Recording Clerk

GREENFIELD PREPARATIVE MEETING OF FRIENDS January 26, 1960

The Greenfield Preparative Meeting of Friends gathered in business session at the home of Lucia Russell on January 26, 1960, at 8:20 p.m. Present were Fritz and Allison Kaufhold, Philip and Marion Woodbridge, Russell Brooks, and Janet Jones. The following minute from the Monthly Meeting was presented for discussion and action:

> "The Monthly Meeting asked each Preparative Meeting to carefully consider its relationship to the Monthly Meeting and its attitude toward consolidation of the Monthly Meeting.
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> "Each Preparative Meeting was asked to prepare a minute for the February Monthly Meeting, stating the extent it is willing to fully participate in the consolidated meeting and in developing the new meeting house.
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> "Greenfield Preparative Meeting was also asked if it would give the Monthly Meeting a mortgage from their present funds to use for purchasing property."

In response to the preceding minute from the Monthly Meeting, the Greenfield Preparative Meeting recognizes itself as a component part of the Monthly Meeting, and not only is willing but wishes to participate fully in consolidated meetings for worship and for business of the Monthly Meeting, and to participate fully in developing a new meeting house.

The Greenfield Preparative Meeting also is desirous of making available present funds to the extent of $4,000.00 as mortgage for the purchase of Monthly Meeting property. We are willing to initiate the liquidation of the Sherwood property and to make the proceeds available to the Monthly Meeting, but are not free to make final decision without court action.

Philip Dudley Woodbridge
Recording Clerk

Market Hill Road
Amherst, Mass.
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John Zahradnik, Clerk
Middle Connecticut Valley Monthly Meeting of Friends

Dear John:

The Amherst Preparative Meeting has found the effects upon First Day School and upon Meetings for Worship of the preliminary trial of consolidation to be very satisfactory. We enthusiastically support the idea of further planning and search for ways to achieve this consolidation. We ask the Monthly Meeting to go ahead as fast as practicable. Whenever consolidation becomes a perrmanent arrangement, accepted by the Monthly Meeting, the Amherst Preparative Meeting is willing to lay down its Preparative Meeting status.

David Clark
Clerk, Amherst Preparative Meeting

David Clark

The Northampton Preparative Meeting met on Thursday evening, January 21, 1960 at the home of David and Trudy Huntington. The following members and attenders were present: Robert Myers, George Schroder, Frances and Tom Crowe, Bill Scott and David and Trudy Huntington. Consideration was given to the minute of the Middle Connecticut Valley Monthly Meeting of Friends requesting a minute from us regarding consolidation and the question of a new meeting house.

It was the sense of the meeting that we favored full participation in the consolidated activities in Amherst of the Monthly Meeting, including financial support. All agreed that the development of plans for the construction or acquisition of a future meeting house should be continued, but that trends and growth of the meeting should be observed for a further period before active steps are taken. It was further agreed that a location in the central part of Amherst would be most desirable for the meeting house.

It was the senseof the meeting that the Northampton Preparative Meeting continue its idenity. The members felt that the principal function of the Preparative Meeting will be to arrange special events for the college community.

The meeting appointed Thomas Crowe as clerk of the Northampton Preparative Meeting.

Thomas Crowe

Thomas Crowe, Clerk

To the Middle Connecticut Valley Monthly Meeting of Friends

Your Meeting on Ministry and Counsel at its sessions January 20th and 27th looking back over the four months during which we have met weekly as a consolidated meeting, tried to evaluate our experiment in consolidation. The members noted the deepened spiritual life in the meetings for Worship as evidenced by the quality of both the silence and the vocal ministry. They spoke of the increase in the number of regular attenders and of their participation in the fellowship of the Meeting. They were gratified by the development of the First Day school, the need for which had turned our minds to consolidation in the first place. Its growth in numbers and organization testifies, they felt, to the various roles it is beginning to play in the lives of our children:- to the children's fellowship with one another, to their study of the Bible and of Quakerism, and, most important of all, through that fellowship and study, to the development of their religious lives.

All these gains, however, have not been accomplished without some losses. Most serious is the loss of certain individuals who were formerly able to participate in a local meeting and who now because of distance find themselves unable to attend the consolidated meeting. And, at least temporarily, we have lost something of the intimacy of the local meetings, the quiet informality and less institutionalized atmosphere that characterized most of our local places of worship. In addition we are sacrificing local organizations capable of influencing their local communities.

One group, to be sure, the Gould Farm group near Great Barrington, will be little affected by consolidation. Distance prevents all its members from worshipping with us. Its status as an allowed meeting under our Monthly Meeting remains unchanged, but we shall need to find new ways of keeping in touch with its members.

Serious though the above mentioned losses are, the Meeting on Ministry and Counsel does not find all of them irreparable and feels that in any case the gains overbalance the losses. The many years behind us of fellowship at our regular Monthly Meetings and of working together on Meeting committees have laid a groundwork of spiritual life upon which this momentous first step of consolidation has been taken.

To the Meeting on Ministry and Counsel, the second step, the choosing of a site and building on it a meeting house of our own, seems warranted by the manifest gains noted and the opportunities for growth that lie ahead. In the decisions to be made and the work to be done we must move always under Divine Guidance. A meeting house is not a goal in itself. It is just one means of strengthening the spiritual life of the Meeting. Nor should we forget that the spiritual life of a Meeting is not self-contained, affecting only its members and attenders. For if the Meeting be a living, deeply rooted Meeting, it will inevitably reach out to the community in which it is, to the country to which it belongs, and to the world of which it is a part. The old adage might be adapted to say that nothing human is alien to the spiritually concerned Meeting.

Signed for and in behalf of the Meeting on Ministry and Counsel,

Helen Griffith, Clerk

February 10,1960

For the South Hadley Preparative Meeting

The South Hadley Preparative Meeting is wholeheartedly in favor of consolidation. It feels that already in the larger group we have experienced a more deeply rooted spiritual life and we have rejoiced in a closer, warmer, and more continuous fellowship with our valley Friends.

We find ourselves in doubt, however, as to how best we may serve Quaker interests among our Mount Holyoke students. In our present transitional stage we are not yet ready to lay down our preparative meeting. Though some of our students are going with us to the consolidated meeting, others are still attending our local meeting.

For another year we are considering a different plan. If the problems of time and transportation can be worked out so that our students can worship weekly - or at least for three weeks in the month - with the consolidated meeting, we would give up the morning meetings here, but hold regular monthly worship-supper-discussion meetings in our various homes.

Signed for and in behalf of the South Hadley Preparative Meeting, David and Margaret Holden, Clerks

Second Month 10, 1960

MIDDLE CONNECTICUT VALLEY MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS, Meeting for Business

February 10, 1960

The regular meeting for business was held February 10, 1960, at Sherwood Friends Center in Greenfield. There were ten Friends present. The meeting was opened with worship and the reading of the 4th Query.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and approved with corrections.

Russell Brooks was asked to serve as Recording clerk for the day, in the absence of Georganna Foster.

The Meeting agreed to hold its next business meeting at Sherwood Center on the 2nd Fourth day of 3rd month.

Thomas Crowe reported on several matters which were taken up at the recent session of the Quarterly Meeting at Hartford.They included:

1) The advisibility of holding a 4th session at Guilford in the 7th or 8th month. The final decision will be made at the next Quarterly Meeting.

2) The matter of the relocation of the Huntington-Dixon Home for older people, now in Amesbury, to a new house recently given to the Yearly Meeting and located in Hingham.

3) An appeal for suitable residents for the Beacon Hill Friends House. It is hoped that a larger number of Friends than at present can be found.

4) The Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and COunsel has asked that the reports on the Spiritual Condition of our Meetings be prepared and forwarded in good season for the spring meetings. That body also expressed the hope that some way.might be found to renew the old Friends practices of hospitality and visitation.

5) The Quarterly Meeting endorsed a Minute prepared by the Executive Committee of the New England Region of the American Friends Service Committee which protests the distribution of nuclear weapons to other nation by our government. This minute is to be sent to responsible officials.

This Monthly Meeting expressed gratitude to Thomas Crowe for this report.

After full discussion of the matter, the Meeting asked the Meeting on Ministry and Counsel to prepare a report on the Spiritual Condition of the whole Meeting and to procure special reports from South Hadley and Great Barrington Preparative Meetings.

The Meeting turned to a consideration of the Minutes requested from the subordinate Meetings on the matter of Consolidation and Helen Griffith was asked to read a statement from the Meeting on Ministry and Counsel. Upon hearing it, the Meeting felt that it should appear in full in the Newsletter. It is attached to these Minutes, as are the other statements mentioned below.

Margaret Holden read the Minute from the South Hadley Preparative Meeting, where Friends are wholeheartedly in favor of consolidation but in some doubt as to how to work out a program for the coming year as they feel the need to continue certain student meeting activities in South Hadley.

Thomas Crowe read the Minute from Northampton Preparative Meeting, which favors full participation in consolidation, including financial support. It was noted,however, that trends and growth of the meeting should be observed for a further period before active steps are taken. Northampton Friends feel that a location in the central part of Amherst would be most desirable for the new meetinghouse and they do not wish the Northampton Preparative Meeting to continue its identity.

John Zahradnik read the Minute from Amherst Preparative Meeting where Friends enthusiastically support the whole plan for consolidation. They ask the Monthly Meeting to go ahead as fast as practicable. They are willing to lay down the Amherst Preparative Meeting when the Consolidated Monthly Meeting becomes a permanent arrangement.

The Minute from Greenfield Preparative Meeting was read by Philip Woodbridge. Greenfield Friends wish to participate fully in the consolidated meetings for business and worship and are willing to support the new meeting house project financially. The Preparative Meeting is willing to make available present funds to the extend of $4,000.00 as a mortgage for the Monthly Meeting property.. They are willing to initiate the liquidation of the Sherwood property and to make the funds available to the Monthly Meeting but are not free to make final decisions without court action.

After discussing these minutes as they were read, consideration was given to the make-up of the Planning Committee and Curtis Johnson and Russell Brooks were added.

At this time a new directive to the Planning Committee was formulated. They are asked to renew exploration of the North Amherst and Amherst area for suitable real-estate for a meeting house. It was also suggested that the Committee write to the Friends General Conference, asking whether they may get help in financing the new meeting house. Inasmuch as the Friends General Conference Building Fund is made up of contributions from Meetings as well as individuals, the question is raised whether we might not make a contribution as we anticipate appealing to the fund on our own behalf.

It was reported that several of our members were able to observe the plan in use by Hartford Meeting to care for conflicts in First-Day Schools and Meeting schedules and that the features of this arrangement will be discussed by our own committee.

The Meeting closed with silence.

Russell D. Brooks,
Recording Clerk for the day

MIDDLE CONNECTICUT VALLEY MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS, Meeting for Business

March 9, 1960

The regular meeting for business was held March 9, 1960, at Sherwood Friends Center in Greenfield. There were eleven Friends present. The meeting was opened with worship and the reading of the 5th Query.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read.

The Clerk read an announcement that Friends ~~Central~~ General Conference will be held at Cape May, New Jersey instead of Ocean Park, New Jersey, as previously announced, from June 24 to July 1, 1960.

Helen Griffith, Clerk of the Meeting for Ministry and Counsel, read the report on the Spiritual Condition of the Monthly Meeting as prepared by that Meeting. She also read the reports (prepared separately as requested) of the South Hadley Preparative Meeting by David and Margaret Holden and the Great Barrington Allowed Meeting by Lester Clark. The Meeting discussed how to include the two separate reports in the spiritual condition report made to Quarterly Meeting. Russell Brooks reminded us that these reports are prepared and presented to the Monthly Meeting originally and are only expected to be summarized for the Quarterly Meeting, and by them for Yearly Meeting. It was approved that the Meeting on Ministry and Counsel should summarize the reports of the two constituent Meetings and include them in the Monthly Meeting report. This will be presented for approval at the next Monthly Meeting.

It was approved that the nominating committee postpone giving its report until the next meeting, as its work is not yet completed. Thirty-seven postcards were sent to members and attenders, asking them to state their committee preferances, but only 15 have been returned.

Georgana Foster presented her concern that Friends might support legislation in the Massachusetts General Court which would improve the operation of the Massachusetts Parole Board. She is working on such legislation for the League of Women Voters.

The Clerk presented his concern about the small attendance we are having at our Meeting for Business. Are there too many conflicts on this day of the week? Are Friends making Monthly Meeting a definite committment? It was suggested that we poll the membership on an individual basis about what day and time they would prefer for the business meeting. This was approved and ~~Frances~~ Holmes will be asked to be in charge of phrasing a questionaire which will be printed in the newsletter. Then one member in each town will poll the members and report to Frances, who will summarize the results. Fritz Kaufhold in Greenfield and Thomas Crowe in Northampton volunteered for the former job.

Russell Brooks announced the dates and leaders for the "Days of Devotion" at Woolman Hill this spring. On March 17th, George A. Badgley, a secretary of New York Yearly Meeting; on April 21st, Herbert Huffman, of the New England A.F.S.C. staff; and on May 19th, Thomas Fisher, minister of the Worcester Monthly Meeting.

~~Becky Holmes presented three Concerns:~~

Becky Holmes ~~She~~, asked if any Friend knew a woman Friend named Jensen in Wyoming whom she wishes to contact. She asked that the First Day School classes end promptly and Nursery School begin in time so that parents of young children can leave them and come into Meeting for Worship on time. She also stated that she has been unable to contact Friends to be "greeters" at Meeting for Worship because she has been organizing volunteers for the nursery school. She asked what the Meeting considered the function of "greeters". Philip Woodbridge said he felt that perhaps there was no further need of "greeters" as we are now settled in our new physical setting and Friends assume these responsibilities voluntarily. This was approved.

It was suggested that our Meeting for Worship might be more satisfactory if we were not sitting so far apart and there were not so many empty chairs. Russell Brooks suggested, during the discussion, that we had never considered why we have the chairs in a circle instead of in the hollow rectangle with "facing benches" on one side, as Friends traditionally have had. It was approved that Becky Holmes convey to Curtis Johnson(who prepares the Meeting House each First Day) that the circle might be smaller and that we encourage Friends to sit in the "inner circle."

Philip Woodbridge called to our attention that our practice does not follow the schedule printed in the newsletter in regard to First Day School. It is stated that hymn singing begins at 9:50 when it really begins at 10:00; and that adult discussion begins at 10:00 when it really begins at 10:15. It was approved that the First Day School committee be asked to reconsider its original schedule and see if it needs to be revised in light of practice.

Helen Griffith described the further development of the Quarterly Meeting plan to have a ~~"colloquim~~ by correspondence". The Monthly Meetings have been asked to discuss and comment on this plan. Chairmen have been appointed to collect material on the subjects of: Quaker worship, Quaker History, the Inner Light and Quaker Testimonies. Groups of up to six people could then have a "round robin" correspondence about their reading on one of these subjects. This would not involve the heavy paper work done by the Woodbrooke staff in England for the more conventional correspondence course done by English Friends. We have qualified people in our Quarterly Meeting, but they could not take on the responsibility for reading many papers. The plan would be flexible and would help us to think about things that really matter. It might be particularly useful for non-resident Friends. Helen Griffiths asked how we might find those who would be interested in our Meeting. It was suggested that the plan be briefly described in the Newsletter and the ~~the~~ subjects and chairmen be listed. Those who were interested could then make further contact.

The Meeting closed with ~~silence~~.

Georgana M. Foster
Recording Clerk

Monthly Meeting For Business of the Middle Connecticut Valley Monthly Meeting
April 13, 1960

The Meeting for business was held at Sherwood Friends Center. Fifteen were present. The Meeting opened with silent worship and the reading of the Sixth Query. John Foster was appointed Recording Clerk for the day. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved with changes.

Spiritual Condition Report

Helen Griffith read the summary report of the Spiritual Condition of the meeting to be forwarded to Quarterly Meeting. The Report was approved and a copy is attached to these minutes.

Nominating Committee report

The incomplete report of the Nominating Committee was read and approved. It is hoped that the work of the Committee will be completed by next Monthly Meeting. If so, a list of Meeting officers and committee members for the coming two years will be appended to the minutes of that meeting.

The Nominating Committee has not yet nominated a clerk or the chairman of the Religious Education Committee.

After some discussion, the meeting approved of First Day School teachers being on the Religious Education Committee.

The Nominating Committee was directed to inquire about the willingness to serve of each nominated committee member. The committee reported that only those nominated for chairmen had so far been asked.

The Nominating Committee was asked to appoint a sub-committee on Clothing and Relief of the Peace and Social Concerns Committee.

All meeting officers and committees are to serve for two year . The term of the new appointees begins in September, 1960. This minute takes precedence over previous conflicting minutes.

Mary Champney Estate

Legally required information on the sale of a house owned by the estate and the expenses of the estate has been sent to the meeting by the Trustee of the estate.

Letter from Young Friends of North America

Fran Warren, a Young Friend presently visiting Friends in New England would like to visit our meeting young people on May 20 and 21. These dates are unfortunate since all four colleges will be having final examinations then. The Clerk is directed to ask David Clark if he would like to organize a meeting with Fran Warren. If not, we will decline the invitation and suggest she visit with us next fall, if possible.

Ministry in Friends Meetings

A statement on the need for developing a more vital vocal ministry among New England Friends has been received from the Yearly Meeting Meeting on Ministry and Counsel. The statement, althoughlong, will be published in our newsletter.

Representatives to Quarterly Meeting

Philip and Marion Woodbridge and Marion Kumin were appointed our representatives to Quarterly Meeting May 1, 1960 in New Haven, Connecticut.

Letter from Quarterly Meeting Coordinating Committee (see next page)

The meeting asked our representatives to support the following suggestions of the Coordinating Committee at Quarterly Meeting:

1. The Quarterly Meeting should have a treasurer.
2. Ten dollars per year should be given by the Quarterly Meeting to support a member in a Friends Secondary Boarding School.
3. A Quarterly Meeting committee should be appointed to publicize Friend's Meetings in the Connecticut Valley.

Letter from Quaker Men

This organization wants our Quarterly Meeting to appoint a representative and to contribute $44.00 toward their work in Kenya. Our Meeting is not interested.

Support of a Dutch-Indonesian Refugee Family.

The Peace and Social Concerns Committee reports several requests that the Meeting sponsor a refugee family. The Meeting asks the Committee to investigate the situation and present a definite recommendation at the next meeting.

Results of Poll Concerning the time of Business Meeting

Francis Holmes reported on the poll of members taken to determine the best time for meetings. Fifty-two adults responded in the poll. Their answers were as follows:

1. What priority do you give attendance at business meeting?

Low	7
Moderate	10
High	24
Not categorized	4

2. Would you prefer Sunday afternoon business meetings?

Yes	17
No	20
Undecided	4

3. Which days of the week do you prefer for evening meetings? (May through Sept.)

Monday	5	No preference	11
Tuesday	12	Not on weekday	4
Wednesday	17	Uncertain	3
Thursday	15		
Friday	3		

4. Which days of the week do you prefer for evening meetings? (Oct. through April)

Monday	6	No preference	6
Tuesday	13	No weekday	3
Wednesday	22		
Thursday	14		
Friday	3		

5. Does location make any difference in your willingness or ability to attend?

yes	28
no	13

2 said no till August then yes.

Conclusions

1. There is no day when everyone can come.

2. Business meeting should be on a regular and easily remembered date.

3. Wednesday evening, our present meeting time, is the most popular evening. We approve of continuing to meet on Wednesday.

4. Location is a real problem, especially when it is coupled with the lengthy evening meetings. Not many people are willing to attend meetings on weekdays when it means they will not get home until after midnight.

Suggestions were made on how to overcome the problem of long business meetings but no action was taken.

1. We should strictly adhere to a time limit for our business meetings. This would require considerable self discipline by all members.

2. If unfinished business began to pile up as a result of the time limit, short business meetings could be held after First Day Meeting for Worship or during the First Day Adult Discussion period. Both these suggestions seem to involve substantial problems.

John H. Foster

John H. Foster
Recording Clerk for the day

May 9, 1960

Report of the Peace and Social Concerns Committee in regard to sponsoring a Dutch-Indonesian family

The Peace and Social Concerns Committee has considered the possibility of Meeting sponsorship of a Dutch-Indonesian family. If the meeting undertakes this sponsorship, we accept the following responsibilities:

a. Make arrangements for suitable housing.
b. Obtain employment.
c. Help in any way necessary to insure that they are comfortably settled and adjusted to their new life. (Considerable personal caring required.)
d. Possibly make a small loan available to help them get started and perhaps loan or give them furniture, dishes, bedding, pots and pans, etc. (travel advance loans are not now required.)

The committee feels that this is an important project for the meeting to undertake because the refugee problem is among the most urgent facing mankind today. The refugee state was produced by the misguided acts of man, and in many respects is comparable to a living death. This year has been officially designated the United Nations as Refugee Year, a time when energy would be directed toward abolishing the refugee state. In sponsoring a family of refugees, our desire and aim would be to assist and guide them, in a spirit of helpful friendliness, to establish normal lives under advantageous physical, social, economic, and religious conditions of their choosing.

The committee therefore recommends that the Meeting undertake this sponsorship if, and only if, three or four individuals in the Meeting come forward voluntarily to accept primary and continuing responsibility for working with this family. If such individuals do not come forward, the committee feels it would be unfair to the sponsored family since what would be everyone's responsibility would be no one's responsibility.

John Foster
Philip Woodbridge

Monthly Meeting Officers and Committees
September, 1960-August 1962

Clerk: Russell Brooks

Recording Clerk - Robert Myers

Treasurer - Thomas Crowe

Recorder - Fritz Kaufhold

Meeting on Ministry and Counsel
Clerk - William Scott
Recording Clerk - Margaret Holden
Other Members - Russell and/or Barbara Brooks
Fritz and/or Alison Kaufold
James and/or Inez Fuller
Helen Griffith
Thomas Crowe
Lester and/or Margaret Clarke

Committees:

Finance
George Schroeder, Chairman
Robert Heywood
David Holden
Philip Woodbridge
Robert Archer
Thomas Crowe
William Hefner
Marion Kumin

Program
John Foster, Chairman
David Holden
David Huntington

Religious Education
Janet Jones, Chairman
William Scott
Gladys Myers
Becky Holmes
Frances Crowe
Betty Hefner
Myrtle Johnson
Miriam Zahradnik
James and Gloria Russell
Nancy Archer

Records and History
Fritz Kaufhold, Chairman
Sally Dirks
Helen Griffith

Nominating
Philip Woodbridge, Chairman
John Foster
David Huntington
Peggy Holden

Newsletter
Editor
Carolyn Schroeder
Betty Quigley
Mary Kentfield
William Ross
John Foster

Peace and Social Concerns

Curtis Johnson, Chairman
William Hefner
Margaret Marlar
Mary Kentffeld
Philip and Marion Woodbridge
David Clark (1961)

Sub-Committee on Clothing and Relief
Frances Holmes, Chairman
Sall y Dirks
Mary Taylor
Elizabeth Heywood
Robert and Nancy Archer

Library Committee

Helen Griffith, Chairman
Inez Fuller
Gladys Myers
Marion Woodbridge
Barbara Brooks
Ethel Bardwell

MIDDLE CONNECTICUT VALLEY MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS, Meeting for Business

May 11, 1960

The regular meeting for Business was held on May 11, 1960 at Sherwood Friends Center in Greenfield. Twelve Friends were present. The meeting opened with worship and the reading of the Seventh Query.

The minutes of the last meeting were read, and approved.

The Clerk announced that he had application blanks for applying to the Yearly Meeting Equalization Fund; and registration material for Yearly Meeting and Friends General Conference.

The treasurer reported a balance of $278.95. She has paid the administrative expenses of the Meeting (the Grange Hall, newsletter) and our committment to Yearly Meeting. As of this date, with little more than two weeks until the end of our fiscal year, we have raised $300 less than last year. It is evident that Friends are not aware of their need to support our budget, which is increased over last year. The chairman of the finance committee, Fritz Kaufhold, was asked to pass on to the new finance committee the feeling of the Monthly Meeting that the committee should more emphatically remind Friends of their responsibility for the financial support of the Monthly Meeting.

Young Friends of North America

Helen Griffith spoke with the representative of Young Friends of North America at Quarterly Meeting and learned more about their program of intervisitation of which the visit of Fran Warren is a part. It includes more than just visiting with young Friends. Since Fran Warren had already made a contact with a Mt. Holyoke student, Helen Griffith has offered her hospitality while she is in our area and hopes that she will be able to meet with other Friends also.

Quarterly Meeting Reports

Helen Griffith reported on the Quarterly Meeting Meeting for ministry and counsel held April 30, 1960 in New Haven. Some of the items of business were:

1. Announcement that the Bennington, Vt. Friends meeting for worship is held at 3 p.m. on First Day in the Old Unitarian Meeting House in Bennington. Our Monthly Meeting has been given the responsibility to ask them to come to the Quarterly Meeting which will be held here in October.
2. The trial summer Quarterly Meeting will be held August 7 in Guilford.
3. The Monthly Meetings are each to appoint a representative to publicize the epistolary discussion groups, to take the names of those interested and forward them to the proper chairman.

Marion Kumin reported on the Meeting for Business, including the following items:

1. The Statistics of the Quarterly Meeting showed a loss of 38 in total membership, that one-third of our 156 members are under 21 years of age and the average attendance at Meetings for Worship is 228.
2. A minute of appreciation was written for Alexander and Jeannette Purdy who are retiring from Hartford Seminary and going to Earlham. Special note was made of their efforts in the early organization of Friends in the Connecticut Valley.
3. Ed Manice presented a pamphlet compiled by Connecticut Friends on "What Do the Churches Say about Capital Punishment". Their committee is very active on a state level and has written to the Board of Pardons of Connecticut concerning two men about to be executed.

4. Ten cents per member should be paid to the Quarterly Meeting by each Monthly Meeting. (Our treasurer was authorized to pay this.)

5. The Quarterly Meeting recommended to Yearly Meeting that the Yearly Meeting Student Loan Fund be used for secondary students as well as college students.

6. A favorable zoning variance has been granted for the new property given to the Yearly Meeting for a new home for elderly Friends in Hingham, Mass.

7. No action was taken by the Quarterly Meeting in relation to Quaker Men.

8. A fine summary of the six reports of Spiritual Condition of the Monthly Meetings was read.

9. Barbara Brooks and Theodore Banks, Recording Clerk and Clerk of the Quarterly Meeting were thanked for their faithful service to the Quarterly Meeting. The new Clerk is Theodore Paulin and the Recording Clerk John Kaltenbach.

Nominating Committee Report

The report of the nominating committee of the officers for two years beginning September, 1960 was read and approved by the Meeting. The nominating committee was commended for completing so well the task laid on them. (report is attached to these minutes.)

Sponsoring a refugee family

The report of the Peace and Social Concerns committee concerning Meeting sponsorship for a Dutch-Indonesian refugee family was read and is attached. The Meeting approved of their recommendation that we sponsor a family when and if we have three or four Friends who come forward to make this their special concern. The report of the committee, asking for volunteers, will be printed in the newsletter. ~~John Zahradnik~~ THE CLERK will then hold a meeting with those especially concerned.

Building Committee report

Fritz Kaufhold reported on the action taken by the Building Committee following a directive given to them by the February Monthly Meeting. They have investigated two properties in North Amherst. Both are just off Route #116. The most desirable one was not for sale; and full information is not available about the second, less desirable one. The report of the committee was accepted. Fritz Kaufhold pointed out that neither of these sites would be within walking distance of students.

Curtis Johnson also told the meeting about a farm of 13½ acres, on Meadow St. in North Amherst, which was on sale for $22,000, this giving some indication of prices being asked for land in this vicinity. No parcel of this farm would be sold separately.

Property to be considered for a Meeting House

Philip Woodbridge said he still looks with favor upon the property on the east side of Route #116 in Sunderland, which had once been considered.

After considering this and other sites which have been investigated, the Meeting agreed that they would look with favor on the Tolinko property which is on the east side of Route 116 in Sunderland, just over the Amherst town line. They felt that it was imperative that as many members as possible attend the next Monthly Meeting in order that we might move towards a decision on the question of a site for a meeting house.

Concern about consolidation

Fritz Kaufhold then expressed his concern about having personal doubts ~~about~~

in regard to consolidation. He felt that the expression of the Northampton Meeting about wishing to keep their student meeting; and the emphasis on having a meeting house within walking distance of students meant that our college meetings wished to emphasize student meetings rather than family centered meetings. He suggested that Amherst and Greenfield might consolidate with a Meeting House at Woolman Hill. He personally feels that a Meeting House at any further distance than the Tolinko property would be out of the question for his family because they would be driving not only to Meeting for Worship but to Business Meeting and Committee meetings.

South Hadley Meeting plans

In light of this concern, Peggy Holden reported that the South Hadley meeting had decided that they would no longer have a regular meeting for worship for students, but would have their monthly supper meetings for students and resident members. They wanted to worship together as a family with the Monthly Meeting, which it had been impossible to do as long as they held the student meeting in their home. Transportation to Amherst for students would be provided.

Use of the Grange Hall for the summer months

The question was raised as to whether we would continue to rent the Grange Hall during June, July and August, or whether we would meet at Sherwood Friends Center. First Day School will continue through June because the public schools continue until June 24. Myrtle Johnson felt we should have something planned for the children who do come to Meeting throughout the summer.

The sense of the Meeting was that for the present, we would plan to rent the Grange Hall through June definitely and probably through July and August. However, the Religious Education was asked to report on their needs for the summer and their recommendation about where we should meet.

Associate membership policy when only one parent is a member of the Meeting

The Recorder requested that we minute our policy of recording children as associate members, when only one parent is a member of the Meeting, only with the consent of the other parent. This is according to the Yearly Meeting discipline.

Policy about supplementary Yearly Meeting Questionaire

The Recorder showed the Meeting copies of a supplementary questionaire from Yearly Mtg he had been asked to answer, in addition to the usual statistical report. He felt that because of the time and effort involved, and because the purpose and use of the questions were not stated, he could not answer until the Meeting directed him to do so. The meeting agreed that we should not answer this questionaire and directed the Clerk to write to the Yearly Meeting Recorder to that effect.

Meeting closed with silent worship.

Georgana M. Foster

Georgana M. Foster
Recording Clerk.

Planning Committee Report 6/6/60

The Planning Committee recommends the Tulenko property as the site of the proposed Meeting House and requests its acceptance by the Monthly Meeting so that specific building plans may be developed.

The Planning Committee recommends that the Monthly Meeting consider the financial aspect and accept the idea of spending a total of $25,000.00 for building and land.

In considering the total cost of the Meeting House the Committee is convinced that the Meeting should not go beyond $25,000.00 for land and building but it is hardly likely that adequate and suitable construction could be accomplished for much less. For these reasons the Planning Committee recommends that the Monthly Meeting approve this figure to serve as a basis for specific plans.

To carry a $25,000.00 loan thirty families must contribute $75.00 annually and in addition another $25.00 annually will be required to cover Meeting House operating expenses. These figures are in addition to the current budgetary requirements. This will mean an increase from $900.00 current yearly rental to $3000.00 for the anticipated cost of owning and operating our own Meeting House.

Planning Committee

Fritz Kaufhold, Convenor

June 8, 1960

The Middle Connecticut Valley Friends Monthly Business Meeting:

The Religious Education Committee is very willing to make special arrangements for the summer first day school from Sun. June 26th through the first Sun. after Labor day.

The Committee will be responsible for a single program for everyone from 10:30 to 11 a.m.

During the ~~45 min~~ Family worship there will be someone to care for children five years old and under.

The committee suggests that the meeting for worship be 45 minutes long rather than one hour.

Myrtle Johnson
Chairman of
Religious Education
Committee.

MIDDLE CONNECTICUT VALLEY MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS, Meeting for Business

June 8, 1960

The regular Meeting for Business was held on June 8, 1960 at Sherwood Friends Center in Greenfield. Twenty-one Friends were present. The meeting opened with worship and reading of the eighth Query.

The minutes were read and corrections were made.

Russell Brooks, newly appointed Clerk, served for the first time.

Date of Meeting for Business

It was approved that the date for Meeting for Business would be the second Wednesday of the month for the foreseeable future.

Nominating Committee

It was approved that the nominating committee should function year-round. The following were appointed to the committee: Philip Woodbridge, Chairman, John Foster, David Huntington, Peggy Holden. One or two members may be added later.

Traveling Minute for Bill Scott

Bill Scott told the Meeting that he is to be in Europe on a three week's business trip and would like to have a traveling Minute from the Meeting. The meeting warmly approved that the Clerk write such a minute for Bill Scott.

Summer Plans for the First Day School

The Religious Education committee reported that they were very willing to make special arrangements for the summer First Day School from Sunday June 26th through the first Sunday after Labor Day(Sept. 11.) The committee will be responsible for a single family program from 10:30 to 11:00. During Meeting for Worship there will be care provided for children under five. The Committee suggested that Meeting for Worship be 45 minutes long rather than one hour for the summer.

The Meeting approved these suggestions being put into practice, except that the family program be from 10:20 to 10:50 with a ten minute "break", so Meeting for Worship should start promptly at the regular time of 11:00.

Friends were reminded that they were responsible for the behavior of their children during this "break" and only children under ~~five~~ six are to be left in room with the nursery children.

The publicity committee was reminded to change their notices accordingly.

Religious Education

The ~~First Day School~~ Committee was commended for their fine work with the children during this year.

Recording of the Crowe children

The Recorder asked that the Meeting record the children of Thomas and Frances Crowe as Associate Members of the Meeting. They are: Caltha Anne, Jarlath William, and Thomas Hyde. (Addition 7/17/60; -see).

Finances

It was approved that we appropriate $75 to Woolman Hill from our budget for the fiscal year ending May 31, 1960.

It was approved that the newly appointed finance committee should begin work now rather than in September.

Planning Committee Report

The Meeting accepted with gratitude the report of the Planning Committee of their meeting of June 6, 1960 and it is attached.

The Meeting requested the Planning Committee to develop specific plans and cost estimates based on the possible use of the Tulenko property and within the figure of $25,000 suggested for building and land.

The newly appointed finance committee was asked to report at the next Monthly Meeting on the likelihood of meeting the proposed $25,000 budget for a building program in addition to our current expense budget.

The following persons: William Scott, John Foster, Miriam Zahradnik, and David Huntington volunteered to act as a sub-committee of the Planning Committee to investigate further possibilities in the Amherst and North Amherst area for suitable building sites for our development program and to report at the next Monthly Meeting.

Georgana M. Foster
Recording Clerk

MIDDLE CONNECTICUT VALLEY MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

Amherst - Great Barrington - Greenfield - Northampton

South Hadley, Massachusetts

10-30-59

To Friends Meetings in Europe

Dear Friends:

Adele Wehmeyer, a member in good standing of the Middle Connecticut Valley Monthly Meeting is planning to be in Europe this ~~summer~~ winter and would like to be recommended to the Christian fellowship of your meetings.

We look upon her visit as a happy opportunity for strengthening the ties of our meeting with the larger community of Friends and we are glad to recommend her to you.

Signed by direction and on behalf of
Middle Connecticut Valley Monthly
Meeting of Friends,

John W. Zahradnik

John. W. Zahradnik, Clerk

It was a pleasure to have Adele Wehmeyer with us in our meeting! Sigrid Klinghammer (clerk)

Presented to Bad Pyrmont Group. Hannover 8.11.59.
We are pleased to have A. Wehmeyer with us and give our love to you and all Friends visited by her.
On behalf of Bad Pyrmont Friends Group
Eberhard v. Dankelman. Clerk.

Meeting of the Amici dei Trieste,
Frascati, 2-3 April
(Date fixed by Abbé.)
We are so happy to have Abbé with
us and reciprocate your kind wishes.
Maria Montessori.
Guido Pagani (Secy V. M.)

MIDDLE CONNECTICUT VALLEY MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS, Meeting for Business, July 13, 1960

The regular Meeting for Business was held on July 13, 1960, at Sherwood Friends' Center in Green_field. Fourteen Friends were present. The meeting opened with worship and reading of the ninth query.

The minutes were read and corrections were made. The following addition was made to the minute recording the Crowe children: "These children were warmly accepted as associate members and the Recorder was asked to record them as associate members of the meeting."

1. The Meeting appreved granting the request of Ruth C. Lilienthal for transfer to the Hartford, Conn., Monthly Meeting of her membership and of the associate memberships of her children, Eva and Robinson.

2. Procedure in approving minutes
The Meeting approved minuting actions taken while in session and reading them back in final form for approval of the meeting following the action.

3. Transfer - Marjorie Laufman
The Meeting approved accepting the transfer of Marjorie Laufman from Cambridge, Mass., Monthly Meeting and welcomed her into membership.

The Clerk reported that Wm. Scott's plans to go to Europe had been postponed and therefore the travelling minute authorized for him was not written.

4. Travelling Minute - Marion Kumin
The Meeting approved the action of the Clerk in writing a travelling minute for Marion Kumin who is to be visiting in Japan.

The minute written for Adele Wehmeyer 10-30-59 was received with endorsements from Friends in Hanover, Germany, and Bad Pyrmont, as well as Swiss Yearly Meeting.

5. Yearly Meeting Budget
The budget and recommendations of the Finance Committee of Yearly Meeting have been received by the Clerk. The Meeting approved referring them to the Finance Committee of our Meeting.

6. Yearly Meeting Minutes
The Meeting approved buying twenty copies of the Yearly Meeting Minutes, with a plan to encourage Meeting members to purchase them from our treasurer.

7. Great Barrington
The Meeting approved a plan to join with Friends in Great Barrington in a Meeting for Worship at Monterey at 3:00 o,clock on Sunday August 14, followed by a discussion period and a picnic supper. Our regular Meeting for Worship in Amherst will be held at 11:00 but the preceding family worship period will be omitted. Adele Wehmeyer will be asked to discuss Friendly concerns related to her recent trip.

8. Quarterly Meeting Delegates

Connecticut Valley Quarterly Meeting will be held at Guilford, Conn., 7 day 8 month next. The Meeting approved appointment of the following as delegates to Quarterly Meeting: Philip and Marion Woodbridge; as representatives to Meeting on Ministry and Counsel: Helen Griffiths and Wm. Scott.

9. October Quarterly Meeting here

On the week-end of the first First-day in tenth month, our Meeting will be host to Quarterly Meeting. The Meeting on Ministry and Counsel will be held on Saturday October 1. The Meeting approved appointment of an ad hoc committee on arrangements consisting of Russell Brooks, Janet Jones, Frances Crowe, Becky Holmes and Marjorie Laufman to make final plans, possibly to include a retreat to start Friday evening September 30. The committee is to co-opt additional members as needed.

10. Finance Committee Report and Building Fund

The Meeting received the report of the Finance Committee, which is (to be) attached to these minutes. The Meeting approved the creation of a Building Fund to be administered by the Finance Committee, using as a basis any funds earlier set aside for this purpose.

A sub-committee of the Planning Committee was not ready to report at this meeting.

Marion Zahradnik reported that the Zahradniks and the Holmeses are the only ones who have volunteered to date to help in planning sponsorship of a refugee family.

Mention was made of funds available to help pay costs of attendance at the Avon Conference.

Robert M. Myers
Recording Clerk for the day.

MIDDLE CONNECTICUT VALLEY MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS, Meeting for Business

August 10, 1960

The regular Meeting for Business was held on August 10, 1960 at Sherwood Friends Center in Greenfield. Twelve Friends were present. The meeting opened with worship and the reading of the First Query.

The minutes were read and corrections were made. The addition of the name "Gould Farm" was added to the minute regarding the special Meeting for Worship to be held with Friends in Great Barrington on August 14.

1. Quarterly Meeting

Helen Griffith reported onthe Quarterly Meeting Ministry and Counsel Meeting. There was a continuation of the discussion held at Yearly Meeting Ministry and Counsel about training for Friend's ministry. Helen Griffith was appointed the member from our Quarterly Meeting to the Continuation Committee of the Yearly Meeting Ministry and Counsel.

Philip Woodbridge reported that 60 were present at the Meeting for Worship and 39 for the Meeting for Business, so the experiment of having a summer Quarterly Meeting was considered a success.

Announcement was made of the "Witness and Rededication to the Peace Testimony of the Religious Society of Friends" to be held October 15-17 and 23-24, which will include a vigil in Washington, D. C. The Quaker peace testimony, as stated in 1660, is to be reaffirmed.

Monthly Meetings were asked to discuss the possibility that Friends General Conference might join the National Council of Churches and report the sense of their meeting.

It was approved that we should postpone our discussion of this matter until we had further information. Georgana Foster was appointed to write to Ed Manice and others for more information.

2. Newsletter Committee

Helen Griffith reported for the newsletter committee that Dorothy Schalk has agreed to edit the newsletter beginning in October. Betty Quigley will continue to cut the stencil, but wishes to be relieved of this responsibility. John and Georgana Foster will see that it is prepared for mailing and Mary Kentfield will continue to address the envelopes. Francis Holmes will no longer be doing the mimeographing beginning with the next issue, so we must plan to have this done professionally.

It was approved that we send a Minute of thanks to Becky and Francis Holmes for their long service in publishing and mailing the newsletter.

It was approved that the newsletter committee use the professional service in Amherst which will mimeograph the newsletter for about $1.25 per page.

The Finance Committee has recommended that the newsletter be shortened. The Meeting was not in agreement as to the specific limit for the number of pages, but asked the newsletter committee to balance the needs of the Meeting for communication with the financial position of the Meeting.

3. First Day School

Janet Jones, Chairman of the Religious Education Committee, asked if it was the responsibility of her committee to arrange for the Grange Hall to be opened

and arranged for the Meeting for Worship and First Day school. Curtis Johnson has faithfully done this for the past year and he is willing to continue. He suggested that a more convenient place to store the First Day school equipment was very much needed and asked permission to get materials to build a simple cupboard. It was approved that he should do so. The teachers will then not need help to bring out and put away the equipment and toys. Curtis Johnson was encouraged to enlist the services of other members in doing the closing work at the Grange Hall.

Myrtle Johnson presented her concern that we have a Sunday evening fellowship group for our young people at the Grange Hall. It was approved that we ask the Religious Education committee to consider this project.

4. Adult Discussion group

John Foster, chairman of the program committee, asked if it was the responsibility of the program committee to plan for the adult discussion group. Russell Brooks pointed that the discussion group this past year had organized informally within itself. It was the felt that the group could begin to meet as before when First Day School begins again. The program committee will, as in the past, plan special programs for the meeting as a whole.

Helen Griffith expressed a concern that the discussion group emphasize topics which will prepare us for the Meeting for Worship. This suggestion should be given to the group when it reconvenes.

5. Marjorie Laufman told us briefly of the plan of the American Friends Service Committee to find homes for Negro children from Fairfax County, Virginia, in this part of the country, so that they can attend school. The public schools are closed in that area.

6. Budget and Planning Committee Interim reports

Thomas Crowe, Treasurer, reported that the finance committee is working on the budget and the survey of members to determine our ability to finance a Meeting House. Philip Woodbridge reported that the Planning Committee is trying to visualize the mimimum needs for a Meeting House in order to get an estimate from a contractor.

Georgana M. Foster

Georgana M. Foster
Recording Clerk.

MIDDLE CONNECTICUT VALLEY MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS, Meeting for Business

September 14, 1960

The regular Meeting for Business was held on September 14, 1960, at Sherwood Friends Center in Greenfield. Seventeen Friends were present. The meeting opened with worship and the reading of the Second Query.

The minutes from August 10 were read. There were no corrections.

1. Quarterly Meeting Delegates

Robert and Gladys Myers and Fritz Kaufold were appointed representatives to Quarterly Meeting October 2, and Helen Griffith and Thomas Crowe were appointed representatives to Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel.

Becky Holmes reported for the committee on arrangements for Quarterly Meeting, reading the announcement prepared for members and attenders of all Meetings in the Quarter. Plans do not include a retreat which had been discussed earlier. Friends seemed well satisfied with the work of this committee.

2. Ministry and Counsel

The Monthly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel recommended that the Monthly Meeting continue the practices of giving a copy of the New England Yearly Meeting Faith and Practice to persons seriously interested in becoming members of our Meeting and giving a year's subscription to Friends Journal to members received upon application. This was approved.

New

Recommendation as to giving/Faith and Practice of London Yearly Meeting was deferred until the book has been studied further.

3. Solicitations

Requests for contributions from the Meeting to Hampshire County Association for Retarded Children and Massachusetts Council of Churches were referred to the Finance Committee.

4. Telephone Service

Becky Holmes reported that Dr. Weeks who is new in Amherst is a Friend but is on call and cannot attend meeting unless telephone service is available. This was recognized as a reasonable business expense of the two physicians affected (Dr. Crowe and Dr. Weeks) and it was approved that the Meeting should not assume responsibility for providing telephone service.

Fritz Kaufold reported for the Planning Committee that they hope to present a proposal for plans for building a meeting house at the October or November Monthly Meeting.

Dates for Quaker Pilgrimage to Washington have been changed from October 23 and 24 to November 12 to 14. Peace and Social Action Committee will concern itself with this and other current related concerns.

George Schroder reported for Finance Committee that the new budget will approximate $4100 exclusive of Building Fund. Last year thirty families contributed about $1300.

Questions as to insuring our library against loss by fire at the present location at Sherwood, or moving some or all the books to the Grange Hall, were left with Fritz Kaufold and Curtis Johnson to provide the Meeting with further information and recommendations.

5. Need was recognized for assigning responsibility for:
   a. contractual arrangements with the Grange
   b. arranging for Quarterly Meetings (including program and hospitality)
   c. arrangements for fellowship luncheons.

The Meeting approved referring this to the Nominating Committee for consideration.

6. National Council of Churches

There was discussion of the request from Friends General Conference for guidance from its member bodies as to whether it should become a member of the National Council of Churches. The Meeting approved in principle the Friends General Conference's joining the National Council of Churches as an opportunity for affiliation with the larger body of Christians and as an opportunity for expression and development of Friends' principles.

Meeting closed with silent worship.

Robert M. Myers
Recording Clerk.

MIDDLE CONNECTICUT VALLEY MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS, Meeting for Business

October 12, 1960

The regular Meeting for Business was held on October 12, 1960, at Sherwood Friends' Center, in Greenfield. Seventeen Friends were present. Meeting opened with worship and reading of the Third General Query.

Marion Jessell of Hartford, Conn., and Richard D. Hathaway of Troy, N. Y., Meeting were welcomed as visitors.

William Scott announced plans for a Quaker Youth Group meeting at 6:00 p. m. on Sundays at the Grange Hall, Amherst, for young people of High School age.

At a meeting October 9 of Smith College students, plans were made for a meeting every First-day at 9:30 a. m. in the Smith College Chapel lounge, with the exception of the days that fellowship luncheons are held at the Grange Hall.

William Scott attended Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel in the place of Thomas Crowe. He and Helen Griffith reported on discussion of revision of the Discipline of the Yearly Meeting. Helen Griffith spoke to the need for reviewing the Queries as part of this project. Feeling was expressed that Meetings might well take more initiative than is often the case in reaching out helpfully to Friends who are not attending our Meetings, as well as to others who may be interested.

Robert Myers reported from Quarterly Meeting for Business on an inquiry from an independent Meeting in Worcester which evinced some interest in exploring the possibility of membership in our Quarter. It was decided to extend a friendly invitation to attend our Quarterly Meetings, but to refer the matter to Yearly Meeting and to Smithfield Quarterly Meeting. There was discussion of revision of Yearly Meeting Discipline, and decision that the question of affiliation with National Council of Churches was a matter for Yearly Meeting to decide, rather than Quarterly Meeting. There was discussion of our re-dedication to the Peace Testimony, in connection with the Three-hundredth Anniversary of the Declaration of 1660.

At Monthly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel held October 5, 1960, the following recommendation was made:

"Monthly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel is concerned to strengthen fellowship in our Monthly Meeting. It recommends to members and attenders of Monthly Meeting that we all make positive effort this year to know one another better through fellowship at meetings, at fellowship luncheons, in our homes and in any other ways we can find."

1. Thomas Crowe and Helen Griffith visited Reginald Harrison of 217 Eleanor Rd., Pittsfield, who has applied for membership. The Monthly Meeting for Ministry and Counsel recommends he be welcomed into membership. This was approved.

   It was suggested that in addition to a letter informing Reginald Harrison of this action, Lester Clark be asked to call on him and welcome him.

   George Schroder reported that the Finance Committee is still hoping for more replies to their questionnaire; budget needs are not met by the twenty-two replies received to date.

2. The Meeting approved revising the Membership Directory making a charge of 25¢ to those who wish copies, accepting gratefully Becky Holmes' offer to take responsibility for distribution. Further consideration will be given to revising the form of the directory.

Planning Committee report was postponed pending further information from the Finance Committee and from Curtis Johnson who is working on plans for the building.

Margaret Marlar reported for the Peace and Social Concerns Committee:

- Hunger, as seen in Pakistan by Curtis Johnson, was recognized as a basic element in continuing international tensions.
- The committee recommends that Meeting members consider the values in assuming a voluntary tax for support of the United Nations and publicizing the number of people participating
- The Committee reminds Friends of the Quaker Pilgrimage to Washington on November 12 to 14, in the hope we will give to Philip Woodbridge and others who will go gifts for the U. N. and signed copies of the Declaration for Peace.
- Recommends letters to newspapers to publicize our concern for peace.

3. The Meeting approved accepting Margaret Marlar's offer to accept and forward contributions for the support of the United Nations and to publicize the project.

Nominating Committee report was deferred.

Fritz Kaufold reported cost of insuring our library at present location as $17.80 per $1,000, for fire and lightening only, or $12.50 with 80% co-insurance clause. There was discussion of placing some books in the Smith College Chapel Lounge shelves and others at Grange Hall. Matter was left to Library Committee for further consideration before a decision is made.

Meeting closed with a period of silent worship.

Robert M. Myers
Recording Clerk.

MIDDLE CONNECTICUT VALLEY MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS, Meeting for Business

November 9, 1960

The regular Meeting for Business was held on November 9, 1960, at Sherwood Friends' Center, in Greenfield. Seventeen Friends were present. Meeting opened with worship and the reading of the Fourth General Query. Minutes from October 10 were read, with one correction.

X. Philip Woodbridge reported for the Nominating Committee:

1. The Nominating Committee recommends that the three following functions be handled separately:
   a. Contractual arrangements with the Grange.
   b. Arranging for Quarterly Meetings (including program and hospitality.)
   c. Arrangements for Fellowship Luncheons.
   This was approved.

2. The Nominating Committee recommended that contractual arrangements with the Grange should be dealt with by Becky Holmes and Curtis Johnson. Approved.

3. The Nominating Committee recommended that Marion Kumin as convenor, with Francis Crowe and Elizabeth Quigley as members of the committee be asked to carry responsibility for arranging for Quarterly Meetings (including program and hospitality), with the expectation they will co-opt additional persons. Approved.

4. The Nominating Committee recommended that Georgana Foster as convenor, Margaret Marlar and Nancy Archer be responsible for arrangements for fellowship luncheons. This was approved with provision that this responsibility should not necessarily include the physical work involved, but to make plans and request assistance of Meeting members. Approved.

5. The Meeting approved a proposal that again this year the Motto Calendar be mailed to individuals on our mailing list, at a cost of 8¢ per calendar.

6. In the past, we have given books to new babies in the Meeting. The Meeting approved adding this function to the duties of the Library Committee.

7. A request has been received that we contribute $25, along with other Monthly Meetings in our Yearly Meeting, toward expense of a 5-day Laboratory School on Christian Education to be held in the summer of 1961 at Guilford College, N. C. Contributions to go to Yearly Meeting Treasurer. The plan is that someone from each Quarterly Meeting attend, and share benefits with other Monthly Meetings in the Quarter. The Meeting approved sending $25, as a separate item in the budget year beginning June 1, 1960.

- Intervisitation within the Five Years' Meeting: Offers and requests for intervisitaion, with emphasis on spiritual message, suggested, may be channeled through Yearly Meeting Field Secretary.

8. Janet Jones reported the Religious Education Committee suggests that on Christmas Sunday our program start at 10:45 with a half-hour of carol singing, followed by a shortened Meeting for Worship with all family members attending including those of nursery age. Approved.

9. The Meeting approved an annual inquiry of non-members who receive the News-letter asking if they wish it continued. It was suggested further that we consider attempting to visit those who have shown interest in receiving the News-letter but are not known to Meeting members.

10. Treasurer's Report - Thomas Crowe reported a current checking account balance of $493.86 and savings account of $403.24 (as of 4-30-59). Treasurer was authorized to pay our allocation to Yearly Meeting in installments at his discretion.

11. George Schroder presented for the Finance Committee a budget for the year ending May 31, 1961, (attached), totalling $2100. $1840 is pledged to date. Some contribution items in the budget are reduced to token amounts in view of the possibility of our early commitments in acquiring a Meeting House property. The budget was approved.

Present membership of the Planning Committee was recapitulated as follows:

Fritz Kaufold, Ch.	Helen Griffith
Philip Woodbridge	Russell Brooks
George Schroder	Curtis Johnson
John Zahradnik	Robert Myers (added this date)

- Fritz Kaufold mentioned need for a new directive for the Planning Committee in view of the present possibility of purchase and development of an existing property on Roosevelt Street in place of the previous expectation of investigating the cost of building. It was suggested that the Committee temporarily suspend work on the earlier directive and concentrate on investiagting the advisability of purchase of the Roosevelt Street property in North Hadley.

12. The Meeting approved authorizing the Planning Committee to get from a bank their appraisal of this property and to then seek an option to buy at a price not to exceed $12,000. The Committee was authorized to ask Wm. Hefner to serve with them in this matter. It was recognized that the Planning Committee will need cooperation of other committees in determining needs in relation to costs of alteration and furnishing of the building.

Robert M. Myers
Recording Clerk.

 11-9-60

MIDDLE CONNECTICUT VALLEY MONTHLY MEETING
Religious Society of Friends
Amherst, Mass.

PROPOSED BUDGET
As prepared by the Finance Committee 10/27/60

Rental	$900
Yearly Meeting	$500
Newsletter	175
Administrative & General Fund	125
Woolman Hill	100
China Camp	50
Scholarship Fund	50
Emergency Fund	50
First Day School	40
Library	25
Contingency Fund	25
AFSC	15
FCNL	15
FWC&FC	15
CC for CO	156
	$2100

Report on Questionaire

27 replies
23 agree to inconspicuous collection box.
About $1840 pledged to regular budget.
About $3000 available on a one time basis.
About $1480 available annually.

Finance Comjittee

PLANNING COMMITTEE 12/12/60

The Planning Committee of the Middle Connecticut Valley Monthly Meeting of Friends convened at the home of George Schröder in Northampton on December 12th, 1960, at 8:25 p.m., after an opening period of silent worship. Present were Fritz Kaufhold, convener, Curtis Johnson, Francis Holmes, Russell Brooks, Marion Kumin, George Schroder, Philip Woodbridge, and Robert Myers.

1. Philip Woodbridge was appointed Recording Clerk.

2. Russell Brooks read a letter from Finley Perry dated November 18th, 1960, to the effect that the Overseers or Trustees of a Monthly Meeting constitute a body corporate for the purpose of holding real estate. He recommended that the Monthly Meeting concerned "set up a Board of at least seven Trustees, with provisions for filling vacancies and for elections or appointments for the stated terms, so that there will always be an active Board of Trustees with the definite responsibility of caring for the property of the Meeting."

3. The Committee recommends that the Monthly Meeting appoint a Board of Trustees "for the purpose of taking and holding in succession gifts and grants of real or personal property", and that the Monthly Meeting request the Nominating Committee to work out a long-range policy for the terms of office as well as rotation and replacement in office.

4. Curtis Johnson presented a plan for alterations on the residence-school-building on Roosevelt Road, North Hadley. This included removing the east-west partition and the west wall of the two front rooms to make a meeting room capable of seating 75 (624 sq. ft.), installing a double door in the remaining west wall for acoustic purposes, replacing the northern bulkhead with an entry-way to include coatroom and stairs to both floors, installing toilet fixtures in the room from which they had been removed, partitioning off the present toilet room to form a rear entry or exit, using the two rooms to the north of the kitchen as class rooms, and partitioning off four classrooms in the basement. He presented his estimates of costs of these changes and of additional heating ducts and other items of between $1,720 and $3,120, and for equipment of between $1,110 and $3,240, these totaling from $2,830 to $6,360.

5. The Committee discussed the advantages and disadvantages of this property. It is immediately available, is relatively inexpensive, is large enough for current needs, and is fairly centrally located; it is not well designed for meeting use, it would be difficult to sell, it does not lend itself to suitable additions, and it is far from the homes of our more northern members. Any property that is decided on will doubtless represent a compromise between the ideal and what we can afford. Of the properties that have come to our attention thus far, it most nearly meets our needs. The Committee recommends that it be authorized to continue its negotiations to purchase this property, and invites the Meeting to establish a maximal figure for a purchase price.

Philip Dudley Woodbridge
Recording Clerk

MIDDLE CONNECTICUT VALLEY MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS, December 14, 1960.

The regular Meeting for Business was held on December 14, 1960, at Sherwood Friends' Center, in Greenfield. Sixteen Friends were present. Meeting opened with worship, and reading of the Fifth General Query. Minutes from November 9 were read, with no corrections.

– Fritz Kaufold presented the report of the Planning Committee which is attached to these minutes. Tentative estimates for necessary remodelling of the Roosevelt Rd. property indicate a cost of from $1720 to $3120, both estimates assuming a considerable amount of volunteer labor. Cost of necessary equipment was estimated at $1110 to $3240, so that total outlay above actual purchase price would be from $2830 to $6360.

1. The Meeting approved appointing the following as Trustees for the purpose of taking and holding in succession gifts and grants of real or personal property:

Friedrich - K. — Kaufold (Kaufhold)
Philip D. Woodbridge
Francis — W. — Holmes
Russell — D. — Brooks
Helen — Griffith
Robert M. — Myers
Thomas — J. — Crowe

2. The Meeting approved that the Nominating Committee work out within a reasonable length of time a satisfactory plan for future replacement and rotation of Trustees.

3. The Meeting approved replacing John Zahradnik on the Planning Committee by appointment of Francis Holmes.

– As the Meeting addressed itself to the Planning Committee's recommendation that they be authorized to continue negotiations to purchase the property, the following observations were made:

Alternatives to purchase of this property would include continuing at the Grange hall, building at the Tulenko property, building on property in Pelham which the Zahradniks might provide (this would be even more distant for the members in the northern area), or waiting for other possibilities to develop.

Possible resale value of the property is not so important to the Meeting as the suitability of the property.

The distance of the property under consideration from the homes of some members should be considered in relation to the fact that we have seen this meetinghouse as perhaps another interim step and that our hope is that eventually the strengthening of our Meeting resulting from having our own meetinghouse may lead to the establishment of other Meetings or Preparative Meetings within our present Meeting area.

Our basic concern is spiritual unity and any steps we take which strengthen the Meeting will contribute to spiritual unity; purchase of a meetinghouse may be seen as a step in our development rather than as a permanent arrangement; neither this building nor its location is ideal but purchase of the building represents a forward step in the direction we want to go.

The property is uncomfortably distant from some members' homes, and does

not provide for the growth in number of members and attenders we may hope for in the next several years, but the establishment of a meetinghouse will help meet our spiritual needs just as the establishment of a consolidated Meeting has benefitted many of us.

4. The Meeting approved authorizing the Planning Committee to negotiate a purchase price for the Roosevelt Rd. property not to exceed $12,000, which will be bound by taking an option at a cost not to exceed $200 by the treasurer of the Meeting until such time as the Trustees can act.

5. The Meeting approved a request from Richard Knight for transfer to Berkely Monthly Meeting in Berkely, California, in Pacific Yearly Meeting.

6. The Meeting approved a request from Dirk Spruyt for transfer to Hanover Monthly Meeting, in Hanover, N. H.

- Several announcements were made.
- The Mosher Book and Tract Fund has written offering the Meeting a gift of books.
- The New England Yearly Meeting Young Friends Meeting later this month will discuss "Full membership in Meeting - the decision facing young Friends".
- A request from the China Camp Committee was referred to Finance Committee.
- The Committee to Revise the Discipline of the New England Yearly Meeting of Friends is asking for suggestions regarding desirable changes. It was suggested that our Sunday Morning adult forum might address itself to possible revisions of the Queries.
- A request from Mass. Council of Churches was referred to Finance Committee.

Meeting closed with a period of silent worship.

Robert M. Myers
Recording Clerk.

MIDDLE CONNECTICUT VALLEY MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS January 11, 1961

The regular meeting for business was held on January 11, 1961 at Sherwood Friends Center in Greenfield. Fifteen friends were present. Meeting opened with worship and the reading of the 6th General Query.

John Foster was appointed Recording Clerk for the Day.

The minutes of the last meeting were read, corrected, and approved.

1. The Meeting appointed Allison Kaufold and Philip Woodbridge as our representatives to Quarterly Meeting to be held in Hartford, Connecticut, on February 5, 1961. Thomas Crowe and Helen Griffith were appointed our representatives to the Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel.

The meeting accepted with gratitude the report of the nominating committee with their recommendations for the appointment and term of office of the Trustees of the Middle Connecticut Valley Monthly Meeting of Friends.

2. After discussion, the following provisions for the appointment and term of office of Meeting Trustees were approved.

The Trustees of the Middle Connecticut Valley Monthly Meeting of Friends shall number at least seven, chosen preferably from the membership of the Meeting. One of these shall be the Treasurer of the Monthly Meeting, by virtue of his office. The others shall be appointed to the office of Trustee by the Monthly Meeting.

The period of office of each appointed Trustee shall be six years, and periods shall be so staggered that approximately one-third of the periods terminate every two years. No Trustee who has served a full period of six years shall immediately succeed himself in office unless as Treasurer, he becomes a member by virtue of his office.

Trustees to fill the vacancies caused by termination of periods of service shall be appointed by the Monthly Meeting, preferably at the time when and in the same manner as other officers of the Meeting are chosen. In case business meetings of the Monthly Meeting are not held at least biennially, such vacancies shall be filled by the Quarterly Meeting.

Vacancies occurring at other times, such as through disability, death, or disinclination to serve, shall be filled by the remaining Trustees. Each such appointment shall be only for the unexpired portion of the period pertaining to that specific vacancy.

In the event that the Meeting appoints a Trustee to be Treasurer of the Monthly Meeting, it should, at the same time, appoint another Trustee to fill the remaining vacancy.

Of those originally appointed Trustees at the Monthly Meeting of December 14, 1960, the first periods of office shall terminate as follows:

In 1962: Russell D. Brooks
Friedrich K. Kaufold

In 1964: Francis W. Holmes
Robert M. Myers

In 1966: Helen Griffith
Philip D. Woodbridge

3. The Meeting approved a provision that four or more Trustees may transact business provided all Trustees have been notified of the meeting.

The Meeting was reminded by the Clerk of the importance of meeting together for the conduct of ~~the~~ business, ~~of the Meeting and the trustees~~.

A letter was read from Robert Lyon, Executive Secretary of the New England Regional Office of the American Friends Service Committee, stating that six of our members serve on Regional AFSC Committees. The letter requests names of others who would like to serve.

~~Philip Woodbridge asked that attenders at Quarterly Meeting in Hartford observe how well behaved the Hartford children are in comparison with ours.~~

Helen Griffith reported on a recent visit with Frank and Maria Gruen. They have recently had serious health problems, but are now better. She reports that they look forward to returning to our meeting.

George Schroder reported on his discussion with the owners of the Roosevelt Street School. They still are asking $12,000 for the property and he has offered, in the name of the Meeting, $10,600. The owner is now under somewhat less pressure to sell the property than formerly.

4. The Meeting approves postponing further discussion with the owners until after next Monthly Meeting.

The Meeting closed with a period of silent worship.

John Foster
Recording Clerk for the Day.

MIDDLE CONNECTICUT VALLEY MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS Meeting for Busuness Feb 8, 1961

The regular Meeting for Business was held February 8, 1961, at Sherwood Friends' Center, in Greenfield, Mass. Ten Friends were present. Meeting opened with worship and the reading of the seventh General Query.

Minutes of January 11 were read and corrected.

- It was announced that Quarterly Meeting is postponed to the weekend of March 5, with the same arrangements, because of the weather.

- It was agreed that the Recording Clerk would take responsibility for notifying persons of their appointment to committees or as representatives, when they are not present at the time of appointment.

- Selection of someone to act as Clerk in the absence of Russell Brooks at the March Monthly Meeting for Business was postponed.

- A letter from Race Relations Committee of Friends' World Committee asking consideration of some queries concerning race relations was referred to our Committee on Peace and Social Concerns.

- A letter from Friends General Conference regarding means of helping Friends who are moving to be in touch with Friends in their new location was referred to the Recorder.

- Henry Williams, Clerk, has written that Hanover Monthly Meeting acted January 15, 1961, to accept Dirk Spruyt into membership.

- John Foster reported for the Newsletter Committee, who regret problems which affected the last issue, particularly the error in date for Monthly Meeting for Business. Friends present agreed that we should not expect perfection in the Newsletter as long as meaning was clear. Favorable comment was made on the content and editing of the Newsletter, and deep appreciation was expressed for the work of the volunteers who devote so much time and effort to this work.

- Marjorie Laufman reported that a letter will be received from the AFSC Executive Committee regarding plans for a witness for Peace on Good Friday and the following Sat.

1. The Meeting approved recording the births and associate membership of:
   Erik Arnold Zahradnik born January 27, 1961
   Caleb Enders Huntington born November 9, 1960

- Fritz Kaufold, Recorder, reported a year-end membership of 112 adult and associate members, plus two who were in process of transfer of membership. He reported also a request for detailed statistical information, from recorder of Yearly Meeting.

2. It was approved that the Recorder supply to Yearly Meeting such information as is already easily available, pointing out that our records do not provide answers to the other questions.

- A friendship weekend will take place at Woolman Hill the first week-end in March. This conflicts, unfortunately, with the postponed date of Quarterly Meeting. It provides for rest and quiet and winter sports for individuals or families.
- Meeting closed with a period of silent worship.

Robert M. Myers
Recording Clerk.

MIDDLE CONNECTICUT VALLEY MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS Meeting for Business March 8, 1961.

The regular Meeting for Business was held March 8, 1961, at Sherwood Friends' Center, in Greenfield, Mass. Eleven Friends were present. Meeting opened with worship and reading of the Eighth General Query.

- Friedrich Kaufhold was asked to act as clerk in the absence of Russell Brooks.

- Margaret Marlar voiced a question as to whether telephone listings might be arranged to help Friends from other places locate Friends in this area. She agreed to inquire.

- Announcements were made about the forthcoming Witness for Peace on March 31 and April 1; also the Peace Walk from Portsmouth to Washington which will come through Mt. Holyoke March 23. Plans were made for announcement at Meeting for Worship and notification of absent Friends.

- Thomas Crowe reported from Quarterly Meeting for Ministry and Counsel. Consideration of revision of Queries has elicited specific suggestions from some Meetings. The Arrangements Committee hopes to provide more adequate time forconcerns of the Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel; also, discovering that the Meeting has for fifteen years been unprogrammed, and since the Yearly Meeting is about evenly divided between programmed and unprogrammed Meetings, they propose a programmed Meeting.

Philip Woodbridge reported from Quarterly Meeting a thoughtful consideration of Jesus' quotations from the Old Testament, whether he used them with different meanings, and their application to modern times. Five Friends were present from the Pleasant St. (independent) Meeting in Worcester. Tom Bodin discussed the change in composition of the Executive Committee of the Five Years' Meeting from that of a "house of delegates" to that of representatives, with an increase in earnestness and responsiveness. Tom Bodin spoke also of the importance of Quaker contributions to education in the South African Missionary field. There was also a proposal of a scholarships program for students wishing to attend Quaker secondary schools, with some feeling being expressed that the schools were better fitted than the Yearly Meeting to select recipients for such scholarships.

Next Quarterly Meeting to be at New Haven in May, followed by August QM at Guilford.

- Mention was made of the V. I. S. A. program - Volunteer International Service Administration - a two year program after college, as being of interest to younger Friends.

- New England Home for Older Friends asked for representatives from Monthly Meetings to attend a meeting Saturday March 18 to discuss plans for alteration of the home recently given by Polly Thayer Starr. It was agreed that John Foster would be asked to attend if he can do this conveniently.

1. Peter Wickham wrote of his plan to marry Louise Vail, of Fanwood, N. J., a member of the Plainfield Meeting, and asking whether the Plainfield Meeting might be asked to consider his fitness for marriage. Friends approved asking John Zahradnik and Wesley Frost to meet with Peter Wickham as a Committee on Clearness in regard to his proposed marriage to Louise Vail, and requested that they report back to this Monthly Meeting, they both being presently in the Cambridge area where Peter Wickham is living.

- Friends' China Camp announcements for 1961 session are available.

- A letter from Wm. T. Scott, Chairman, Program Committee of Friends' House, was referred toWm. T. Scott, Chairman of out Meeting on Ministry and Counsel.

- Several other announcemente were made of events of current interest to Friends.

2. George Schroder reported on inquiries made about a property on Fearing and Lincoln Streets in Amherst which might be suitable for a Meeting House. The Meeting approved

waiting until we could gain more information about the Fearing Street property rather than making a firm offer on the Roosevelt Street property. George Schroder was asked to obtain what further information might be available.

- First Day Forum Group has been discussing rewording of Queries, with suggestions having been sent to the Yearly Meeting Committee.

3. The Meeting approved a suggestion that beginning in May the Fellowship Luncheon be held on the ~~third~~ fourth Sunday of each month in place of the second Sunday, to provide a more even interval between the Fellowship Luncheon and the Monthly Meeting which now come within a few days of each other.

4. Several Friends expressed a wish to extend tangible evidence of our loving concern to Mrs. Jon Sanborn (Jill Quigley) who will be living in Tennessee when her expected baby is born. The Meeting approved authorizing the Treasurer to draw a check for $50.00 from the Emergency Fund, to be sent with a letter from Peggy Holden in the name of the Meeting, expressing our warm feeling for her and hoping that the gift might be helpful in meeting the cost of extra help or other needs at the time the baby is born. Meeting members who wish to do so will be invited to give toward this amount, with any excess to be forwarded to Jill later.

- Meeting closed with a period of silent worship.

Robert M. Myers
Recording Clerk.

MIDDLE CONNECTICUT VALLEY MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

Meeting for Business
April 12, 1961.

The Regular Meeting for Business was held on April 12, 1961, at Sherwood Friends Center in Greenfield, Massachusetts, with 14 present. The meeting opened with worship and with reading and discussion of the Ninth General Query.

The Clerk reported that John Foster had been unable to attend the March 18th meeting held to discuss plans for alteration of the Thayer Home for Old Friends, located in Hingham, recently given to the New England Yearly Meeting by Polly Thayer Starr, and that he, Russell Brooks, had attended the meeting. He introduced Mr. William McClennan, who told of the present condition of the Thayer House, the alterations planned, the finances involved, and the plan to raise $80,000. for the alterations from individuals in each Monthly Meeting.

The Meeting appointed Helen Griffith, Philip Woodbridge, and George Schroder as a committee to handle the solicitation of donations in this Meeting and transmission of the funds to Finley Perry, special treasurer for this project.

Communications from John Zahradnik and Wesley Frost, appointed to visit with Peter Wickham concerning his intended marriage, indicated that they have visited him and found that according to Friends' requirements he is clear and free to marry Louise Vail. The Meeting therefore warmly approves this marriage, and directs that copy of this minute be forwarded to Peter Wickham and to the Clerk of Plainfield,(New Jersey), Monthly Meeting.

A letter from Jon and Jill Sanborn was read, thanking the Meeting for its gift approved at the March Meeting.

The General Report of Spiritual Condition of the Meeting as prepared by the Meeting on Ministry and Counsel was read, modified, and approved. It will be forwarded to the Quarterly Meeting and will be published in our Newsletter. Individual reports from Northampton, South Hadley, and Great Barrington were also read.

Letters of resignation from Dorothy Schalk and Carolyn Schroder from editorship of the Newsletter were read. The resignations were accepted with regret and with great appreciation for their work. It was urged that appointments to the editorship be made for a definite time, as are other appointments, and that the two appointments be so staggered that one would terminate each year.

A letter from Russell Brooks was read in which he offered his resignation from the Clerkship, largely on account of his inability to attend weekly meetings regularly. The resignation was accepted with deep regret and with great appreciation for the service he has rendered.

The Meeting reaffirmed its desire to change the time of luncheons from the 2nd to the 4th Sunday of each month, beginning in May. It was later approved that the Grange be asked to permit us to use the building for a noon meal on both the 2nd and 4th Sundays.

It was approved that this Meeting serve as sponsor of the meeting to be held in Northampton on May 2nd at which Earl Reynolds, owner of the Phoenix, which sailed into the region of bomb testing, together with SANE and Civil Liberties Union as co-sponsors. It was agreed that the Meeting contribute $10. to expenses of Earl Reynolds.

George Schroder reported that the Fearing-Lincoln Street property is not yet definitely on the market. The Meeting authorized him to proceed with further investigation of the availability of this property.

William Scott, Marjorie Laufman and Marion Kumin were appointed representatives to Quarterly Meeting in New Haven May 7th.

Philip Dudley Woodbridge
Recording Clerk for the Day.

MIDDLE CONNECTICUT VALLEY MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS Meeting for Business May 10, 1961.

The regular Meeting for Business was held May 10, 1961, at Sherwood Friends' Center in Greenfield, Mass. Seventeen Friends were present. Meeting opened with worship and reading of the First General Query. Minutes of April 12 were read.

- Lois Comings Bertholf was welcomed as a visiting Friend. A member of Chestnut Hill Monthly Meeting, she brought greetings from Powellton Preparative Meeting, of which she is a sojourning member. Powellton Preparative Meeting is under the care of Central Philadelphia Monthly Meeting. It was established in 1956, in an integrated area in West Philadelphia largely surrounded by a Negro area, and was described as a peace-minded Meeting.

- Quarterly Meeting Reports. William Scott reported the appointment of Helen Griffith as Clerk of Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel, and mentioned discussions on the training of ministers.
Marion Kumin reported representatives at Meeting for Business of all but one Monthly Meeting. The AFSC will give one full scholarship to each Monthly Meeting for the Avon conference. A card is available for forwarding to Meetings near our non-resident members, and th Friends General Conference, to help Friends keep in touch with others near them. The number of Friends in our Quarter has increased by 29 from 426 to 455. One third of membership is under twenty-one years of age. Each Monthly Meeting is urged to send a copy of its report on spiritual condition of the Meeting to the Clerk and the Clerk of Ministry and Counsel in each Monthly Meeting in the Quarter. There was a gratifyingly large number of young Friends at Quarterly Meeting.

- Yearly Meeting will be June 20 to 25. The Equalization Fund provides substantial help in meeting the cost to young Friends twelve and over. John Foster was asked to announce this at Meetings for Worship and assist in arranging requests for aid.

- Helen Griffith reported for the Committee to Circulate Information about New England Friends' Home. The committee has asked Friends to send contributions and pledges with their intention cards directly to Finley Perry, Treasurer, or to give them to the Committee in sealed envelopes for forwarding. Friends expressed concurrence with this plan.

- It was noted that the Fellowship Luncheon, having been changed to the fourth Sunday, would conflict with the dates for Yearly Meeting. Friends favored keeping to the decision already made rather than making a temporary change.

- Thomas Crowe reported a balance in the checking account of $625.94, compared to $653.25 at the beginning of the year. (This does not include $317.50 earmarked for the building fund.) He asked that contributions be clearly labelled for general operations or for building fund. Friends should present accounts for payment and also make contributions applicable to the current year before the books are closed as of May 31.

1.- The Meeting approved, with some changes, a budget presented by George Schroder for the Finance Committee, finally totalling $2165. The budget is appended to these minutes. It was agreed that the Scholarship Fund be made cumulative, so that unused amounts would be added from year to year. The Emergency Fund, originally set up in relation to the possibility of sponsorship of a refugee family, was omitted, and the amount of the Contingency Fund was correspondingly increased.

2.- Following a report of the Nominating Committee, the Meeting approved appointment of John Foster as Clerk for one year beginning September 1, 1961.

3.- The Meeting approved appointment of Robert M. Myers until September 1, 1962, and Gladys O. Myers until September 1, 1963, as editors of the Newsletter.

4.- The Meeting approved appointment of Laura and Trevor Robinson and Glenn Johnson to carry responsibility for stuffing and mailing of the Newsletter for one year from Sept.1, 1961.

- Appreciation was expressed to Wm. Ross and Mary Kentfield for their help in getting the Newsletter addressed and mailed.

- The matter of editing a combined June-July issue of the Newsletter will be brought up after Meeting for Worship; it should be received prior to June 20, the date of Yearly Meeting, and the August issue might be omitted at the discretion of the editors if the August Quarterly Meeting at Guilford is included in the June-July issue.

- The birth of a daughter to Jon and Jill Sanborn on May 6, 1961, was announced.

- George Schroder reported for the Planning Committee that Dr. Ruder is not yet definite as to whether he wishes to sell the Fearing Street property. There are indications the price may be beyond our means. The possibility was raised that because of the location near two campuses there might be funds made available from Friends elsewhere toward establishment of a center for Quaker students as a project which could be undertaken jointly with the establishment of a Meeting House. It was mentioned also that the Archers' house will be on the market and would be in an appropriate location.

5.- The Meeting approved asking Curtis Johnson to act as convenor of the Planning Committee, replacing Fritz Kaufhold in this capacity.

Robert M. Myers, Recording Clerk.

BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR June 1, 1961 through May 31, 1962:

		Year ending 5-31-61
Rental	$ 900	$ 900
Yearly Meeting	500	500
China Camp	50	50
Woolman Hill	125	100
Scholarship Fund (cumulative)	50	50
Emergency Fund (cumulative)	--	50
Administrative and General	50	125
Contingency Fund	75	25
First Day School	50	40
Library (cumulative)	25	25
Newsletter	175	175
Quarterly Meeting, rental and catering	50	60
First Day School Teachers Course at Guilford College	25	--
Equalization Fund	30	--
AFSC general budget	15	15
FCNL	15	15
FWC and Fellowship Council	15	15
Central Council for Conscientious Objctrs	15	15
TOTAL	$ 2165	$ 2110

MIDDLE CONNECTICUT VALLEY MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS Meeting for Business June 14, 1961.

The regular Meeting for Business was held June 14, 1961, at Sherwood Friends' Center in Greenfield, Mass. Eleven Friends were present. Meeting opened with worship and reading of the Second General Query. Minutes of May 10 were read without correction.

- Thomas Crowe, Treasurer, reported for the year ending May 31: On hand at beginning of fiscal year, $653.25; contributions, from 46 families, $2113.46; total, $2766.71; expenses $2051.09; balance on hand $715.62. In addition, the building fund balance is $317.50 and the savings account balance is $526.27.

- Friends from this Meeting have given or pledged $ 270 to date toward the New England Friends Home.

- George Schroder reported for the Planning Committee on the following possibilities:

1- The Roosevelt Street property is still available.
2- The Ruder property at Fearing and Lincoln Streets is available at $40,000 for the house and adjacent lots.
3- A tract of about four acres on North Hadley Street near the married students' dormitories, and about two blocks from the Ruder property, is on the market for about $12,000.
4- There might be a suitable tract available on E. Pleasant Street where a builder is working on a development. This would be nearer the dormitory area of the University.

There was discussion of offering Dr. Ruder a proposal for the lots adjacent to the house, with the idea we might build there, or making an offer for the whole property with the idea of selling part of it.

1.-The Meeting approved asking George Schroder to tell Dr. Ruder we are not interested in the property at the price suggested.

- Friends seemed generally interested in the suggestion that the Hadley Street property be considered further with the possibility in mind of cooperating in its purchase with a builder who might develop four lots, leaving a suitable area of about two acres in the rear for building a Meeting House. It was agreed that in the absence of Curtis Johnson, convenor, any member of the Planning Committee who became aware of a need for a meeting should undertake to call such a meeting. Fritz Kaufhold undertook to convey this thought to members of the committee not present.

- Janet Jones reported there is to be no program for children over six on Sunday mornings, during the summer.

2.-The Meeting approved authorizing the Clerk to plan use of the AFSC Scholarship to Avon Institute for one or two members of our Meeting, and to use available money from our scholarship fund to help other members or attenders of our Meeting to attend the Avon Institute

- Meeting closed with a period of silent worship.

Robert M. Myers
Recording Clerk.

MIDDLE CONNECTICUT VALLEY MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS Meeting for Business July 12, 1961.

The regular Meeting for Business was held July 12, 1961, at Sherwood Friends' Center in Greenfield, Mass. Seven Friends were present. Meeting opened with worship and reading of the Third General Query.

1. Because of the small number of Friends present, almost all of whom planned to be away at the time of Quarterly Meeting, it was approved that the Clerk be asked to find possible delegates to both Quarterly Meeting for Ministry and Counsel and Quarterly Meeting for Business, and that failing the designation of members of this Meeting, any who find themselves able to attend be considered qualified as our representatives.

2. Report of Nominating Committee.
The Meeting approved designation of Russell Brooks as Clerk of the Meeting on Ministry and Counsel for a term expiring in September, 1962.

3. Friends at Great Barrington suggested a visitation in September rather than in July or August as in the past. Friends approved planning this for September 10 or 17, leaving this to the Friends at Great Barrington to decide.

4. Having received a request from George Bliss at the Meeting School on behalf of Gerald Quigley, the Meeting approved making available the money presently accumulated in the scholarship fund for use of students in secondary schools as well as institutes and conferences, and delegated the Meeting on Ministry and Counsel to act as a scholarship committee in deciding upon this particular request.

No repo rt was available from the Planning Committee.

Meeting closed with a period of silent worship.

Robert M. Myers, Recording Clerk.

The regular Meeting for Business was held August 9, 1961 at Sherwood Friends Center in Greenfield, Mass. Six Friends were present, including two visiting Friends. Meeting opened with worship and the reading of the fourth general Query. The minutes of the last meeting were not available to be read.

John Foster was appointed Clerk for the Day, and Georgana Foster Recording Clerk for the Day.

The Clerk read an invitation from Friends in Great Barrington to hold a Meeting for Worship with them on September 17 at Gould Farm at 2:30 p.m. followed by a picnic lunch. It was hoped that more Friends would be able to attend a meeting held in September. Announcement will be put in the newsletter.

The following minute from the Meeting on Ministry and Counsel was read:

"Elizabeth Quigley presented information for the consideration of the Meeting in its effort of reaching a dedision on financial aid to make it possible for Gerald Quigley to attend the Meeting School next year.

After a through discussion the Meeting approved the expenditure of $265 from the Scholarship Fund and to recommend to the Monthly Meeting the appointment of Marjorie Laufman to solicit addition to this sum from interested individuals."

The Monthly Meeting approved the recommendation that Marjorie Laufman be appointed to solicit interested individuals in this regard.

Helen Griffith reported on the Quarterly Meeting for Ministry and Counsel and the Meeting for Business held in Guilford, Conn. on August 6, 1961.

Lois Cummings Berthoff of Philadelphia reported on the Housing Institute sponsored by the Congress on Racial Equality (CORE) held in Boston, which she had just attended.

Meeting closed with a period of silent worship.

Georgana M. Foster

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Clerk for the Day

MIDDLE CONNECTICUT VALLEY MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

1. The Business Meeting of September 13, 1961, held at Sherwood Friends Center, Greenfield, Mass., opened at 8:00 p.m. with a period of silence during which Clerk John Foster read the Ninth Query, on racial equality. Eleven attended.

2. The Meeting appointed Francis Holmes as Temporary Recording Clerk.

3. The minutes of the Business Meeting of August 9, 1961, were read.

4. It was announced that the time of the meeting at Great Barrington on September 17, 1961, will be 3:30 p.m., as reported in the Newsletter, instead of 2:30 p.m., as reported in the minutes of the August Business Meeting.

5. The minutes of the Business Meeting of August 9, 1961, were approved.

6. Philip Woodbridge reported on the last Quarterly Meeting for Business.

7. The Meeting approved that our standing Nominating Committee nominate to our Meeting a person to fill Marion Kumin's place on the Quarterly Meeting Nominating Committee, and that it suggest directly to the Quarterly Meeting Nominating Committee the name of a Young Friend from our Meeting available for the position of a Quarterly Meeting representative to the Young Friends Committee of the Yearly Meeting.

8. The Meeting approved that the Quarterly Meeting assessment be raised from 10¢ to 25¢ per member per year, to cover the cost of Quarterly Meeting notices which henceforth are to be processed in Hartford. The Meeting instructed that the Treasurer pay the difference this year from the Contingency Fund, and that if the money is not available in the Contingency Fund, then from the General Administrative Fund. (114 x 15¢ = $17.10)

9. The Meeting appointed Fritz Kaufhold and one of the Holmeses as representatives to the Quarterly Meetings for Business and Worship in Northampton, Mass., on October 1, 1961.

10. The plans of the Committee on Arrangements for the Quarterly Meeting of October 1 were reported upon by Marjorie Lauffman, Philip Woodbridge, Janet Jones, and Russell Brooks. The film THE LANGUAGE OF FACES has been reserved for $5.00. The People's Institute building in Northampton has been reserved for $20 plus $10 for the janitor. Meals will be catered for 95¢ per person. The Committee proposed that, as last year, the cost for children should be reduced to 50¢ by a subsidy from our Meeting. The Committee expressed satisfaction at the arrangements made last year for the session at which we were hosts. The Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel will meet at Helen Griffith's home. Miriam Zahradnik has agreed to organize overnight hospitality and food for the Meeting on Ministry and Counsel, based on return postcards collated by Frances Crowe. Trudy Huntington has agreed to make arrangements for the children's program. It was suggested that they should attend part of the Quarterly Meeting for Worship.

11. The Meeting approved and expressed appreciation of the efforts of this Arrangements Committee.

12. The Meeting approved the payment of about $9.00, to cover the extra cost of food for an estimated 20 children, from the General Administrative Fund.

13. The Clerk read a letter from the Syracuse, N.Y., Monthly Meeting, approving the request of Trevor Robinson to transfer to our Meeting. Our Meeting accepted him as a member and expressed pleasure at his return.

14. The Clerk read a letter from the Friends General Conference asking whether our Meeting would be interested in the program called QUAKER DIALOGUES, conducted by Rachael Davis Dubois, who helps meetings to solve their deep-seated problems through guided discussion. The cost would be $25.00 for three 2-hour sessions. The Meeting clearly felt that we have such problems, notably membership scattered-ness and individual busy-ness. The Clerk expressed the sense of the Meeting that this is something we really ought to do, but that we are not sure we can get a good attendance. The Meeting expressed concern that special attention be given to informing the membership about the nature and importance of QUAKER DIALOGUES.

15. After further discussion, the Meeting approved that the Clerk telephone to ask that she come, on either the weekend of November 3 and 4, or 4 and 5, or the weekend of November 10 and 11, or 11 and 12.

16. The Meeting approved that the Contingency Fund be amended to increase it from $25.00 to $75.00, and that the cost of the QUAKER DIALOGUES session be taken from the Contingency Fund.

17. The Meeting approved the expenditure of about $2.50 for purchase of Scattergood calendars (5¢ each) and mailing of them at Christmas time (3¢ each) to each household in the Meeting, to be paid from the General Administrative Fund.

18. The Meeting appointed Beverly Schroder, pending her acceptance, to fill Nancy Archer's place on the Fellowship Luncheon Committee.

19. Janet Jones reported for the First Day School Committee that since Elizabeth Heywood left, we have had no one regularly providing program for the Nursery Group, although Margaret Marler has done excellent service arranging each week for someone to give custodial care to these children. The Committee has found a college student willing to prepare and provide a program for the Nursery Group from 10:30 a.m. until noon each week when college is in session, assisted by one member of the Junior High Class. The student would provide also 15 to 20 minutes' special program for the Kindergarten children if the assistant can handle the Nursery Group at that time. At $3.00 for each of 29 Sundays in the academic year 1961-62, the cost would be $87.00.

20. The Meeting approved that the plan be carried out, directed that the cost for the next few weeks be taken from the present First Day School budget, and requested that the Finance Committee submit to the Meeting plans to meet the cost for the whole year.

21. The Meeting closed at 10:10 p.m. with a brief period of silence.

Francis Holmes
Temporary Recording Clerk
September 13, 1961

MIDDLE CONNECTICUT VALLEY MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS Meeting for Business Oct. 11, 1961.

The regular Meeting for Business was held October 11, 1961, at Sherwood Friends' Center in Greenfield, Mass. Eight Friends were present. Meeting opened with worship and reading of the First General Query.

Minutes of the September meeting were read. It was reported that Beverly Schroder has accepted appointment to the Fellowship Luncheon Committee, also, in regard to minute no. 16, it was discovered that the Contingency Fund was already budgeted at $75.

1. The Quaker Dialogues program was discussed at some length. The Meeting considered asking the ~~Executive~~ Meeting for Ministry and Counsel to arrange time, place and meal or meals for this program, on the week-end of Nov. 4 & 5. The hours of 3:30 to 5:30 on Saturday afternoon, 7:00 to 9:00 Saturday evening, and 1:30 to 3:30 Sunday were seen as being probably most satisfactory. The Grange Hall, Hills Chapel, Sherwood and Faculty Hall (Univ. of Mass.) were suggested as possible meeting places. It was recommended that parents arrange for care of children in home communities, possibly pooling arrangements. Since Meeting for Ministry and Counsel would not normally meet in time to complete arrangements, the Meeting approved asking a special committee, to include members of the Fellowship Luncheon Committee, to carry all responsibility except telephone follow-up to stimulate attendance, which was left with members of Meeting for Ministry and Counsel. Appointed to this special committee were: Trevor Robinson, convenor, Beverly Schroder, Georgana Foster, Margaret Marlar, Trudy Huntington and Francis Holmes as alternate.

Fritz Kaufhold reported on Quarterly Meeting Business Sessions, which was quite brief. Notices were mailed by the host Meeting, which will be reimbursed by the Quarterly Meeting. All Meetings in the Quarter were represented, and there were visitors from Pleasant Street Meeting in Worcester. There was a report on the worship service at the Cathedral in the Pines sponsored by Friends, at which George Bliss offered helpful remarks. Following Quarterly Meeting for Business Friends viewed a unique film of a religious ceremony on a Navaho Reservation which brought out some interesting parallels between Indian and Quaker worship.

2. For the Nominating Committee, Margaret Holden recommended appointment of Beverly Schroder to Yearly Meeting Young Friends' Committee, and Allison Kaufhold as representative from Middle Connecticut Valley Monthly Meeting to Quarterly Meeting Nominating Committee. These appointments were approved.

3. John Foster reported the Ruder property has been sold, and there is possibility the University may take the N. Hadley Street property. It was approved that the Clerk convey to Curtis Johnson as convenor our request that the Planning Committee renew their consideration of possible properties and give specific consideration to possible arrangements for use of the N. Hadley Street property.

4. Revision of the address list was considered, at suggestion of Helen Griffith. After discussion, it was approved that in place of reprinting the list we issue a list of all changes to date, announcing this plan in November Newsletter and mailing it with following issue, for December. Discussion of incorporating the five separate lists into one alphabetical list, which would list all members of each family together, made it apparent that there are strong preferences for each method of listing. The possibility of change was deferred, since the list is not to be reprinted this year.

Fritz Kaufhold expressed concern as to whether the present location for holding Meetings for Business was a factor in the small attendance. Friends felt this might be considered further at the Quaker Dialogues. Friends felt also that mention of the numbers attending Meeting for Business should not be continued in the Newsletter.

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5. John Foster reported as Chairman of Program Committee that Donald Groom is to be in this area early in December after twenty years in India, much of this time with Friends' Service Council (London), and more recently with Vinoba Bhava. He is an excellent speaker. Friends approved sponsoring a meeting for Meeting members and others where Donald Groom could speak to us "as a Friend to Friends."

6. The Meeting approved the Library Committee's ordering ten copies of the Directory of Meetings for Worship in the United States and Canada and Yearly Meetings throughout the World, for resale to individuals at ~~fifty~~ forty-five cents per copy.

Meeting closed following a period of silent worship.

Robert M. Myers
Recording Clerk.

MIDDLE CONNECTICUT VALLEY MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS Meeting for Business Nov. 8, 1961.

The regular Meeting for Business was held November 8, 1961, at Sherwood Friends' Center, Greenfield, Mass. Sixteen Friends were present. Meeting opened with worship and reading of the Second General Query by John Foster, Clerk.

Minutes of the October Meeting were read and corrected.

1. Friends approved sending a minute of appreciation to Amherst College for use of the meeting room in Chapin Hall for the Quaker Dialogue session.

2. A request has been received for a letter evaluating our experience with the Quaker Dialogues. Friends approved asking Miriam Zahradnik and one of the Fosters to prepare such a letter. Feeling was expressed that it had worked out well, considering the size of our Meeting, not to restrict the number attending the Quaker Dialogues.

3. Friends approved expenditure of an additional sixteen dollars to cover travelling expenses of Rachel Davis Dubois, who led the Dialogues.

4. It was approved that we request that the Treasurer present three reports during the year, preferably in December and March and at the end of the fiscal year.

5. Friends were reminded of the question raised by ~~Philip Woodbridge~~ Fritz Kaufhold at October Meeting for Business as to whether a change in place of meeting might result in improved attendance. It was recalled there had been difficulty in regard to Sunday afternoon Business Meetings, which made for a very long day. Friends approved exploring whether members and attenders would attend in larger numbers at a location in the Amherst or Northampton area. Another possibility suggested was coming together at Woolman Hill, bringing supper. Francis Holmes as convenor, Russell Brooks and either of the Fullers were appointed a committee to carry out this poll.

6. Curtis Johnson presented a concern as to ways that Friends might emphasize to national delegations to the United Nations the importance of working for disarmament. Friends approved offering Curtis Johnson the opportunity to outline his suggestions in Newsletter

- Curtis Johnson also reported for the Planning Committee as follows:
  - Baptist Church property probably not available for two years more.
  - House on Lincoln and Fearing streets has been sold; lot next door is still available but the price is unknown.
  - Triangular property on North Hadley Street will probably be taken by the University.
  - Various other suggestions include:
    A lot on Sunset and Fearing across from Amherst Creamery, $6,000.
    One or two acres near N. Hadley Rd., on Hillcrest Rd., at $5,000 per acre.
    Three different parcels on Chestnut Street.

7. It was agreed that the Planning Committee be asked to organize a tour following Meeting for Worship to give Friends an opportunity to view these properties, and to seek to provide such information as would help us be able to make a decision at our next Meeting for Business.

8. Philip Woodbridge raised a question as to whether it would be appropriate to hold a Meeting for Worship once a month at Sherwood in addition to the Meeting at Amherst, to make attendance more possible for Friends living to the north of Greenfield and in southern Vermont and New Hampshire, who do not feel able to go so far as Amherst. It was agreed that we would think of this and other possibilities and discuss them further at December Monthly Meeting and at Meeting for Ministry and Counsel.

- Margaret Holden spoke with appreciation about the widespread and growing interest in issues concerning peace, disarmament and integration on the part of Mt. Holyoke students.

- Meeting closed with silent worship.

Robert M. Myers, Recording Clerk.

MIDDLE CONNECTICUT VALLEY MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS Meeting for Business Dec. 13, 1961.

The regular monthly Meeting for Business was held December 13, 1961, at Sherwood Friends' Center, Greenfield, Mass. Eighteen Friends attended. Meeting opened with worship and reading of the Third General Query by John Foster, Clerk.

- Minutes of the November Meeting were read and corrected.

- The letter sent in evaluation of the Quaker Dialogues was read.

1.- Friends approved letting the matter of payment for the Quaker Dialogues costs rest as planned in November.

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- Treasurer's report by Thomas Crowe:

Balance end of May, 1961:	$1033.12	- Of which	$ 317.50	was building funds.
Contributions (18 families)	689.46	" "	86.50	" " "
XXXXXXXX Total	1722.58		404.00	
Expended	722.51			
Balance	1000.07			

Toward current budget of 2206 (including $41 for Quaker Dialogue expense), we have received $602.96 ($689.46 less 86.50), leaving $1603.04 to be raised.

Savings account balance continues at $526.27, Building Fund now $404.00.

2.- The Meeting approved collecting letters and appeals for contributions, unless they seem urgent, and turning them over to the Finance Committee for consideration at the time the new budget is developed.

3.- A letter was received requesting transfer to Madison, Wisconsin, Monthly Meeting of the membership of George and Lucy Locher and the associate membership of their sons Eric, Frederick and Ralph. These transfers were approved, Philip Woodbridge to write the Lochers and the Clerk to write the Clerk.

4.- Friends approved paying the $6.00 cost for Beverly Schroder to attend Young Friends' Conference at Woolman Hill on December 28 and 29, as our Young Friends' representative, and informing all our young friends of the conference and the availability of scholarship funds to help pay expenses, and urging attandance.

5.- AFSC, Cambridge, asks if we are interested in arranging for James Bristol to appear in this area as a speaker on peace subjects during February and March. It was suggested David Clark be asked if he would be interested in arranging a meeting. Bruce Hawkins offered to approach the SANE xxxxx student group at Smith College.

5.- In response to a request for appointment of a meeting "Contact person" for National Conference of Friends on Race Relations, the Meeting approved accepting Marjorie Laufman's offer to accept mail and pass on concerns.

6.- A request from Marion Kumin was approved for a travelling minute to Friends in India and elsewhere.

7.- There was further discussion of the possibility mentioned in Minute No. 8 in November of a Meeting for Worship once a month in the Greenfield area in addition to the regular Meetings for Worship in Amherst, possibly in the afternoon, but not on the Sunday of Fellowship Luncheon. Friends approved asking Philip Woodbridge to correspond with Friends to the north of Greenfield and in southern Vermont and New Hampshire who might be affected and to learn their preferences as to which Sunday of the month and the time of day.

8.- Hospitality Committee: Friends approved appointing Judy Leonard to replace Beverly Schroder and adding Frances Crowe. Other members of the committee are Georgana Foster, chairman, and Margaret Marlar.

- Curtis Johnson reported for the Planning Committee:

Several possibilities has been discussed, none of which seem feasible because of price or because of probability of the locations being affected by future expansion of the University Campus.

The property being considered opposite the Amherst Creamery has 112.2 feet frontage on Fearing Street with the parallel side being 108 feet. The length along Sunset is 198 feet. This would make possible a building of maximum size of 82 feet by 165 feet.

9.- After careful consideration, the Meeting approved authorizing the Planning Committee to negotiate for and purchase lot No. 37 across from the Creamery at the northeast corner of the intersection of Fearing and Sunset at a price not to exceed $6,000.00, providing it is ascertained that the lots across Sunset to the West of this lot are not for sale or are clearly less desirable. Should these lots be for sale and seem practical for our purposes, the committee is asked to consider the relative advantages and costs for purchase and development and report further to the Meeting, including some estimate of comparative costs of buildings suitable to each location.

- The Grange has been informed the telephone will be removed near the end of December.

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Friends were urged to mail Christmas Greetings to Conscientious Objectors who are serving prison terms.

- Meeting closed with silent worship.

Robert M. Myers
Recording Clerk.

Middle Connecticut Valley Monthly Meeting of Friends, Meeting for Business, January 10, 1962, in the home of Frances Malone at Sherwood Friends Center, Greenfield, Mass.

1. 22 persons attended. The meeting opened with silent worship. John Foster, Clerk, read the 4th General Query, on Personal Standards of Living.

2. Francis Holmes was appointed temporary Recording Clerk. The minutes of the December 1961 Meeting for Business were read and corrected.

3. John Foster reported that James Bristol's time in New England is already taken up, but that he will speak at Mt. Holyoke College in late February.

4. Philip Woodbridge was appointed representative of the Monthly Meeting at the Quarterly Meeting in Hartford. Helen Griffith was asked to give to the Quarterly Meeting Clerk as names of our representatives also the names of any others from our Meeting whom she sees in attendance. Friends were urged to make a special effort to attend the meeting in this location because of our current interest in Meetinghouse construction.

5. The report of the temporary committee to assess preference regarding location of business meetings was read and is attached to these minutes. The group decided to continue meeting at Sherwood Friends Center in Greenfield.

6. A letter from Elizabeth Quigley was read expressing appreciation for scholarship assistance to Jerry, at the Meeting School, and describing the activities and interests of Jerry, Janice, Jill, Martha and herself.

7. Philip Woodbridge reported on his survey of the preferences of 6 families near the northern edge of our meeting area and in New Hampshire and Vermont regarding a Meeting for Worship once a month in Greenfield. Of these, 3 (including 1 resident in summer only) have replied. All 3 wish to come to a local meeting. All 3 prefer Sherwood. One preferred the 1st Sunday of each month. The 2 year-round residents who replied preferred a morning meeting, to start as soon as convenient. The summer resident preferred afternoon. Helen Griffith pointed out that all Quarterly Meetings come on first Sundays of the month. Philip Woodbridge was asked to make arrangements for a Meeting for Worship to be held once a month in Greenfield for the convenience of these people, on either the 2nd or 3rd Sundays, the 4th Sunday being the time of our Fellowship Meal.

8. Russell Brooks reported that a very successful Young Friends Conference was held despite a severe snowstorm. He summarized the relationship of this meeting to Young Friends activities in the region.

9. Curtis Johnson reported that, in accordance with Minute #9 of the December 1961 Minutes, a purchase agreement was negotiated by John Zahradnik in behalf of the Planning Committee for Lot #37 at the Northeast corner of Fearing Street and Sunset Avenue in Amherst. A downpayment of $100 has been made upon a purchase price of $5000; the date for final closing is January 31, 1962. The purchase agreement, signed by John Foster, was passed around the Meeting.

10. Realizing that the real estate agent, Robert Brown, who undertook the preliminary negotiations for this property transfer, neglected to provide for any compensation to himself, the meeting approved a gift to him in appreciation of his efforts. As recommended by John Zahradnik through the committee, the amount of $250.00 was approved for this purpose, to be taken from building funds. The Clerk and John Zahradnik were asked to compose an explanatory note to accompany this gift.

11. The Planning Committee is relieved of the duty of purchasing this land (Lot #37).

12. The Middle Connecticut Valley Monthly Meeting of Friends approves the purchase of the property at the Northeastern corner of Fearing Street and Sunset Avenue, Amherst, Mass., known as Lot #37, as described in the agreement dated December 23, 1961, held by the XXXXXX Trustees of the Monthly Meeting, and authorizes said Trustees to purchase this property for a price of $5000.00.

13. Philip Woodbridge read a minute of the Greenfield Friends Preparative Meeting regarding the availability of a loan from their funds of $4000 for the use of the Monthly Meeting in purchasing property. The text of their minute is attached to these minutes.

14. Thomas Crowe reported that the Building Fund, of $404 last month, now has increased to $1614, that another $1000 is available on 1 week's notice, and that an earlier pledge of $500 also was made.

15. The group asked the Treasurer and Finance Committee to determine how much of the Greenfield money to request and on what dates.

16. The Finance Committee was encouraged to send out a letter stating the imminence of the need for fulfillment of contemplated contributions to the Meetinghouse Building Fund.

17. The meeting approved that Becky Holmes implement her concern that we keep the Amherst Grange up-to-date about our actions regarding meeting place. The Clerk will arrange a newspaper announcement after the land purchase has been completed.

18. The Planning Committee membership was read. Now that land purchase has been settled, the Meeting determined to lay down the Planning Committee and at the same time to appoint a Building Committee to plan the Meetinghouse construction. The Nominating Committee was asked to recommend 4 names for this Committee to our next Monthly Meeting. All other groups in the Meeting were requested to prepare statements and to submit these to the Building Committee, describing the building needs anticipated for their programs.

19. The foregoing minutes were read, corrected, and approved.

20. The Monthly Meeting expressed its high appreciation of the prolonged, devoted, and effective efforts of the Planning Committee in finding and arranging for the purchase of a suitable site for the construction of our new Meetinghouse.

21. The meeting closed at approximately 10:30 with a short period of silent worship.

Respectfully submitted,

Francis Holmes

Francis W. Holmes
Temporary Recording Clerk

January 10, 1962

REPORT OF THE TEMPORARY COMMITTEE APPOINTED NOVEMBER 8, 1961, TO OBTAIN NUMERICAL DATA ABOUT PREFERENCES AS TO MEETING PLACE OF THE MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETINGS.

A copy of the questionnaire that we used is attached to this report. It was sent with the December NEWSLETTER to all recipients within reasonable travel distance of the places in question. Attempt was made to err on the side of excess distribution rather than of deficient distribution. It has been very correctly pointed out that the questionnaire did not allow a checkmark to indicate expectation of attending regularly or more often if the meeting were held at Greenfield, but this was not within the limits of the committee's instructions. Attendance at Greenfield presumably has been determined by recent months' usage.

Approximately 110 sheets were distributed, marked "1" or "2" depending on the number of adult persons in the recipient family. Of these one-fifth, or 21 sheets (representing 31 persons) were returned. Of these 21, 12½ sheets (18 persons) did not indicate any difference between the choices, either by checkmarks or by written comments. 14 of these persons indicated that they would not attend at any of these places, either because of great distance from our whole area or because of disinclination to attend any of our business meetings or because of other commitments Wednesday evenings. The other 4 indicated that they would attend regularly at any of these places, with no preference given.

Of the remaining 8½ sheets (13 persons), 4½ (7 persons) showed no difference in the checkmarks but contained written comments indicating a preference. These comments were scored: 1 per person for first preference, ½ per person for second preference if indicated, and 0 for third preference. Of the remaining 4 sheets, 2 (4 persons) indicated a difference by checkmarks only. These were scored 1 for each person for each position checked. The remaining 2 sheets (3 persons) contained both comments and differential checkmarks, and were scored for each. The original sheets have been turned over to the Clerk of the Meeting.

The results were:

	Comments	Checkmarks
Amherst	4½	"regularly": 2 Yes, 1 No
		"more often": 6 Yes, 1 No
		TOTAL: 8 Yes, 2 No = +6
Woolman Hill	4	"regularly": 0 Yes, 5 No
		"more often": 0 Yes, 7 No
		TOTAL: 0 Yes, 12 No = -12
Northampton	3	"regularly": 2 Yes, 2 No
		"more often": 3 Yes, 2 No
		TOTAL: 5 Yes, 4 No = +1

If one attempts to total these two types of expression, one must first remove from the totals of comments regarding preference those comments by people who also showed a difference by their checkmarks. Thus, subtracting 2 from Amherst and 1 from Northampton, the total of all figures is:

Amherst +8½
Woolman Hill -8
Northampton +3

In the opinion of the committee, although these results suggest a preference for Amherst, the number of individuals whose comments or checkmarks were the basis for these figures was so small that the Meeting should not make this survey the sole consideration in forming its decision about where to meet. The committee requests that it be discharged by the Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Francis Holmes
Russell Brooks
James Fuller

MIDDLE CONNECTICUT VALLEY MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

November 16, 1961

As a result of concern about the small attendance at recent monthly business meetings, a committee comprising Francis Holmes, Russell Brooks, and James or Inez Fuller was appointed on November 8, 1961, to obtain the information requested in the following questions. Please complete and return this questionnaire to Francis Holmes, 24 Berkshire Terrace, Amherst, Mass.

(1) If the Monthly Meeting for Business were held in the Amherst area (same time: second Wednesday evenings), would you attend regularly?.....(Yes____)(No____)
or more often than during the past year?.....(Yes____)(No____)

(2) If it were held at Woolman Hill with a supper (same time: second Wednesday evenings) would you attend regularly?.....(Yes____)(No____)
or more often than during the past year?.....(Yes____)(No____)

(3) If it were held in the Northampton area (same time: second Wednesday evenings) would you attend regularly?.....(Yes____)(No____)
or more often than during the past year?.....(Yes____)(No____)

January 10, 1962

GREENFIELD PREPARATIVE MEETING

of the Religious Society of Friends

A business meeting of the Greenfield Preparative Meeting of Friends convened at the home of Lucia Russell on January 10th, 1962, at 7:12pm. Janet Jones, Philip and Marion Woodbridge, Russell Brooks, Lucia Russell, and Fritz Kaufhold were present.

The minutes, including the final minutes expressing the desire to offer up to $4,000 as a mortgage loan for the purchase of Monthly Meeting property, of the meeting of January 26th, 1960, were read, and the present need of the Monthly Meeting for funds for the imminent purchase of land was presented.

It was agreed to authorize the Treasurer of the Greenfield Preparative Meeting and Sherwood Friends Center to pay to the treasurer of the Middle Connecticut Valley Monthly Meeting a sum up to $4,000 as a loan to be secured by mortgage and note, with interest to start 5 years from the effective date of the loan at the rate then paid on deposits by local savings banks, with the provision that this mortgage may take a secondary position if and when the Monthly Meeting later wishes to place a first mortgage on the property as security for a loan obtained from another source.

Philip Dudley Woodbridge

Philip Dudley Woodbridge,
Recording Clerk.

MIDDLE CONNECTICUT VALLEY MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

FEBRUARY 14, 1962

Meeting for Business scheduled for this date was cancelled because of a heavy snowstorm.

MIDDLE CONNECTICUT VALLEY MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS Meetingfor Business March 14, 1962.

The regular monthly Meetingfor Business was held March 14, 1962, at Sherwood Friends' Center, Greenfield, Mass. Thirteen Friends attended. Meeting opened with worship.

- Minutes of January Monthly Meetingwere read.
- It was suggested that a sheet be inserted in the Minute Book indicating omission of the Meeting for Business in February.

- Philip Woodbridge reported Meetings for Worship were held at 10:00 a. m. on the third Sundays of January and February, at Sherwood, with about twenty persons present, half from New Hampshire and Vermont. These Meetings meet a keenly felt need on the part of Friends attending from the North.

- Treasurer's Report was given for Thomas Crowe by Robert Myers:

Current budget . .		$ 2206.00
Received to date . .		1322.26
To be raised by end of fiscal year, May 31, 1962 . .		$ 883.74
Received for Building Fund . .		$ 5485.85
To owner of land . .	$ 5,000.00	
To real estate agent . .	250.00	
To lawyer . .	72.50	
To have land surveyed . .	46.10	
Total cost of land purchase		5368.60
Balance in Building Fund . .		$ 117. 25

The amounts received do not include any borrowings - the funds available from Greenfield Preparative Meeting are still available to be borrowed toward cost of erecting the building. The Treasurer particularly requests that Friends in sending contributions designate whether they are for operating budget or building fund.

- The surveyor's report was passed around for the information of those present.

1. After discussion of arrangements for care of the deed, Friends approved that it be kept in a safe deposit box rented for Yearly Meeting records, to which John Foster has access, until our Committee on Records and History brings a recommendation for other disposition. Philip Woodbridge mentioned that he has some records of Greenfield Preparative Meeting in his personal safe deposit box.

2. The Meeting approved a report of the Nominating Committee presented by Philip Woodbridge suggesting the following appointments to the BUILDING Committee (see Minute # 18 in January) :

John Zahradnik Chairman
Curtis Johnson
David Holden
Frances or Thomas Crowe
Philip Woodbridge

The committee was asked to request information from other committees as to needs which should be considered in relation to building plans. The hope was expressed that plans and work on the Meeting House will move forward with all reasonable speed.

3. A removal Certificate was received from West Richmond (Indiana) Monthly Meeting, for Robert and Phyllis F. Agard, and for associate membership for their daughters, Ellen, Anne, Jennette and Susan. The Meeting warmly approved accepting the Agards into membership.

4. An application for membership received from Margaret T. Marlar ~~was~~ had been considered by the Monthly Meeting for Ministry and Counsel, who expressed themselves as warmly in favor and recommended approval. The Meeting approved welcoming Margaret Marlar into membership. (See #5.)

5. A Certificate of Removal was received from Cambridge Monthly Meeting for David Timmon Blum and Peter Rollin Blum, sons of Margaret Marler, as associate Members. Friends approved accepting them into associate membership.

6. The Meeting approved accepting with regret a letter from Caroline Beverly Schroder, resigning from all Meeting committees. John Foster, Clerk, undertook to write a friendly letter to Beverly, assuring her of our wish to leave the way open for her future participation in any Meeting activities.

- The Clerk reported on the Memorial service arranged by the Meeting for Paul Meier and the letter being sent to his mother telling of our interest in him and of the memorial service.

- Philip Woodbridge reported on a number of concerns discussed at Quarterly Meeting. There was discussion of the value of having written reports from Quarterly Meeting representatives for inclusion in the Newsletter, with some question being raised as the whether this would reduce the motivation toward attendance at Quarterly Meeting, also question whether an individual's interest in writing reports for the Newsletter should be considered in selecting representatives. It was left as a joint responsibility of Newsletter editors and Quarterly Meeting representatives to work out appropriate arrangements for providing reports.

- The increased postal charge for return of undelivered Newsletters was discussed. This provides for furnishing to the sender the forwarding address if known, so that it is a good way to keep mailing lists up to date. Arrangements will be made to use the return address of the person who does the addressing (presently Mary Kentfield.)

- Concern was expressed over the noise from First Day School during Meeting for Worship; also the responsibility we have for Grange property. It was suggested that Meeting for Ministry and Counsel might consider comments at the close of Meeting for Worship in an effort to encourage Friends to include the children in the greetings and general conversation after the Meeting for Worship so they would not be left so much to their own devices. It was also suggested that adult Friends might while conversing station themselves near the stages where the children like to play, in order to discourage some of the more rough and noisy play which is a source of concern.

- Concern was also expressed over the need for more punctual observance of the eleven o'clock hour for beginning of Meeting for Worship.

- Minutes were not read for approval.

Robert M. Myers
Recording Clerk.

MIDDLE CONNECTICUT VALLEY MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS Meeting for Business April 11, 1962

The regular monthly Meeting for Business was held April 11, 1962, at Sherwood Friends' Center, Greenfield, Mass. Sixteen Friends were present. Meeting opened with worship and reading of the Sixth General Query.

- Minutes of March Monthly Meeting were read and approved with one correction.

1. An application for membership from Laura B. Robinson had been considered by the Meeting for Ministry and Counsel, which warmly recommended her application for membership be granted. This was approved.

2. A request from Hetty Bailey to drop her name and the names of her children from our membership list, having been considered by the Meeting for Ministry and Counsel, was approved, with regret and with appreciation for Hetty Bailey's years of service to the Meeting. Helen Griffith's offer to write her for the Meeting was accepted

3. A report from Meeting for Ministry and Counsel on the spiritual condition of the Meeting was read by John Foster, and approved with a suggested revision.

4. Since no Friends present were definite as to plans to attend Quarterly Meeting at New Haven on May 5 and 6, Helen Griffith who will attend Quarterly Meeting for Ministry and Counsel was authorized to appoint as representatives to Quarterly Meeting any of our members who attend. (Approved)

- Philip Woodbridge reported for the Building Committee, which felt need for guidance from the Meeting in several respects:

a. How many people should we plan to accomodate in Meeting for Worship? (At Amherst the number including children attending Meeting for Worship has ranged up to ninety.) Also, should the room be planned large enough to accomodate Quarterly Meeting, and if so, for how many people?

b. Will Monthly Meeting authorize engaging services of an architect?

c. Is there preference as to choice of an architect?

d. Should a work-day be planned for clearing of brush on the site?

5. The Meeting approved using a figure of one hundred persons on which to base preliminary planning, requesting that the architect plan for probability of future expansion.

6. After considering whether some of the responsibility normally carried by an architect for supervision of construction might be delegated to qualified members of Meeting, the Meeting approved authorizing the committee to employ an architect without committing the Meeting to more than $1,000 for architect's fees at this time.

7. The Meeting approved authorizing the committee to select an architect after considering architects who may be available.

8. After recognizing that clearing of brush would provide only temporary improvement in appearance of the lot pending bulldozing operations, the Meeting approved setting a workday for clearing of brush by any Friends who feel concerned to do this.

9. The Finance Committee having lost three of its six members, the Meeting approved asking Robert Agard to serve as a member and asking Thomas Crowe to serve as chairman for the remainder of the committee year. (Other members now are Philip Woodbridge, David Holden, Wm. Hefner, Marion Kumin.) The committee is responsible to prepare a budget for the year starting June 1, and to plan for financing the building.

10. Philip Woodbridge was appointed as an overseer from this Meeting for the vigil of the New England Witness for Peace on April 20.

11. The Meeting agreed not to sponsor the peace vigil at Westover Airforce Base under auspices of the Committee for Non-Violent Action, with the hope being expressed that members of Meeting who feel so moved will join the Vigil.

- The Nominating Committee will send reply postcards to determine Friends' preferences as to committee service.
- Friends were asked to watch bulletin board for special Forum programs.

Robert M. Myers, Recording Clerk.

MIDDLE CONNECTICUT VALLEY MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS Meeting for Business May 8, 1962.

The regular monthly Meeting for Business was held May 8, 1962, at Sherwood Friends' Center, Greenfield, Mass., with sixteen Friends present. Meeting opened with worship and the reading of the Seventh General Query. Minutes of the April Meeting were read and approved.

- Greetings to our Meeting and endorsements from Canberra Preparative Meeting, Melbourne Monthly Meeting and New Delhi Monthly Meeting on our travelling minute to Marion Kumin were read, along with a copy of an epistle from Australia General Meeting held in Tasmania, which Marion Kumin brought with her.

1. A request for a sojourning and travelling minute was received from Francis W. and Helen B. Holmes. This was approved, with the understanding that the Clerk will work out with the Holmeses a satisfactory wording to cover both purposes.

2. A communication from Sally Hohenthal, daughter of Mary Taylor, was reported by ~~xxxx~~ Meeting for Ministry and Counsel, indicating she has joined Center Congregational Church in Manchester, Conn., and requesting that her name be dropped from our membership. This was approved.

3. The Meeting approved asking the Clerk to write a travelling minute for the Kaufhold family if a request is received from them.

- An interesting report on Quarterly Meeting was given by Helen Griffith, the only member of our Meeting in attendance.

- Reports were given on recent vigils at Boston, Washington, Westover Air Force Base and New London, in all of which our Meeting was well represented, and all of which received excellent newspaper coverage.

4. David Leonard spoke of a Junior College student living in Holyoke who is a person of unusual responsiveness to Friendly concerns, wondering if the Meeting would help meet expenses for him to attend the Avon Institute. It was approved that David Leonard explore possibilities of aid from A F S C or other sources and bring a specific request to the June Meeting for Business.

5. A letter was read from Clarence Pickett asking hospitality and help in finding summer jobs for African students. A concern was also expressed that the Meeting stand ready to help a Negro family from the South needing shelter and employment, should any be sent here as they have been sent to other northern cities. Both these concerns were referred to the Committee on Peace and Social Concerns, with Meeting approval.

6. Julia Leonard voiced her wish to apply for membership, and for associate membership for Catherine and Christopher, and the procedure was explained.

- Chairmen of committees were reminded that reports should be received for the June Meeting for Business.

Robert M. Myers
Recording Clerk.

MIDDLE CONNECTICUT VALLEY MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS Meeting for Business June 13, 1962.

The regular Monthly Meeting for Business was held June 13, 1962, at Sherwood Friends' Center, Greenfield, Mass., with fourteen Friends present. Meeting opened with worship and reading of the Eighth General Query. Minutes of the May 8 Meeting were read and accepted.

- There was no further report on the matter of aiding a Junior College to get to Avon Institute, mentioned in Minute 4 of last month.

- A report from Peace and Social Concerns Committee indicated a possible job opening had been found for a Negro student as a farm hand in South Amherst, providing all arrangements could be completed within the next three days. Friends did not see their way clear to undertaking this responsibility at this time.

- A letter from Ann Agard was read expressing appreciation to the Meeting for financing her trip to Friendly Crossways. Hope was expressed that young Friends will request scholarship aid to attend Friends' conferences or Yearly Meeting.

1. A travelling minute for the Kaufholds, prepared by the Clerk, was read and approved.

2. Recommendations of the Nominating Committee as to officers and committees to take office in September, 1962, were read and approved, with the addition of David Huntington to the Building Committee and John Zahradnik to the Committee on Religious Education. (Committee lists attached to these minutes.)

3. Philip Woodbridge, David Huntington and John Foster were appointed as members of the Nominating Committee, and it was agreed that Barbara Brooks be asked to be chairman.

- Quarterly Meeting has asked that a member of our Meeting be appointed as a member of Yearly Meeting Nominating Committee. Nomination should be made before Quarterly Meeting in August. Friends were asked to consider possibilities.

4. Friends approved the Treasurer's report, given by Thomas Crowe as follows:

For budgeted expenses:		
On hand June 1, 1961 . .		$ 715.16
Contributions . .		1,632.26
	Total . .	2,347.88
Operating expenses . .		2,067.31
On hand May 31, 1962 . .		$ 280.51
Deficit (excess of expenses over contributions)		$ 435.11
For Building Fund:		
On hand June 1, 1961 . .		$ 317.50
Contribution . .		5,408.30
	Total . .	5,725.80
Cost of land purchase . .		5,368.60
On hand May 31, 1962 . .		$ 357.20
Savings Account:		
On hand June 1, 1961 . .		$ ~~xxxx~~ 526.27
Used from Scholarship Fund		215.00
On hand May 31, 1962 . .		$ 311.27 (plus some un-entered interest.)

Twenty contributions to the operating budget were received from resident member families; two from non-resident families; some from non-member attenders.

5. The Finance Committee recommended another survey of Friends' estimate of their ability to contribute toward the operating budget and the Building Fund. Approved.

6. The Finance Committee reported the following sources for building funds:
   Contributions from members and attenders
   Borrowings from the Greenfield Preparative Meeting
   Bank mortgage
   Friends General Conference Meeting House Fund - grant or loan. This necessitates a formal application. Friends approved such application.

   Inquiry has been made as to sources and costs of mortgage money.

7. The Finance Committee proposed the following budget for the fiscal year ending May 31, 1963:

		(Year ending 5-31-62)
Rental	$ 900	$ 900
Yearly Meeting	500	500
China Camp	50	50
Woolman Hill	125	125
Scholarship Fund (cumulative)	50	50
Administrative and general	75	50
Contingency fund	75	75
First Day School	150	50
Library (cumulative)	25	25
Newsletter	120	175
American Friends Service Committee	15	15
Friends Committee on National Legislation	15	15
Friends World Committee & Fellowship Council	15	15
Central Council for Conscientious Objectors	15	15
Quarterly Meeting (Hospitality)	50	50
Yearly Meeting Equalization Fund	30	30
FDS Teachers Course	--	25
Quarterly Meeting Dues	30	--
	$ 2240	$ 2110

The Finance Committee recommended a serious effort to reach non-resident members. It was recalled that a previous decision to place a receptacle for contributions from visitors in the Meeting room has not been carried out. The budget was approved, with a plan that the Finance Committee will do what they see as necessary to inform the membership as to the needs and as to the experience of last year when receipts did not meet expenses.

- Janet Jones reported for Religious Education Committee. The nursery group has worked out more adequately since we have had a paid worker on duty each Sunday. There has been no substantial change in attendance; the Junior High and nursery groups continue to be the largest. Adult and Junior High groups have met at times, prior to Meeting for Worship, but the other activities programs preceding Meeting have been dropped. A co-ordinated curriculum for our First Day School is still needed and is under discussion.

- Peace and Social Concerns Committee reported little activity except in regard to helping find work for an African Student; but this is related to the fact that so many from our Meeting are ~~xxxxxxx~~ involved in Peace and Social Concerns activities not directly connected with our Meeting.

Becky Holmes reported for Clothing and Relief Committee that during the past year there have been four shipments of clothing involving 118 parcels weighing 3238 lbs to the Service Committee warehouse, plus a comparable amount to Goodwill Industries. The need for men's and children's clothing continues to be urgent. More detailed report is filed in minute book.

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- Fritz Kaufhold reported for the Committee on Records and History that twenty-five years' accumulation of papers and records had been recently condensed into one file. Several recommendations by the committee led to adoption of some following minutes:

8. The Meeting approved accepting Robert Agard's xxxxxx offer to provide space for storage of Meeting records in his office at the Library until such time as adequate provision can be made at the new Meeting House.

9. That original Minutes and minutes of Meeting on Ministry and Counsel be transferred every six months to the designated place for safekeeping. Approved; duplicates to be kept by the respective clerks, for reference.

10. The Meeting approved that financial records be kept for five years and older records xxxxxxxxxxx of this category be destroyed, except the books of accounts which are to be preserved until they have been used as a source of material for a future history of the Meeting.

11. Friends approved that the Recording Clerk of the Monthly Meeting forward to the Recorder a copy of those minutes which are a record of the acceptance of new members, membership transfers, and all other matters concerning gain or loss in membership, and that instructions to this effect be set down in an appropriate place in the Minute Book for the information of newly-appointed Recording Clerks.

- Robert Myers reported for Newsletter Committee that eleven issues had been mailed, to about one hundred fifty people, at a total cost for the year of $ 109.06, with the volunteer help of several Meeting members.

- Helen Griffith gave a report for the Library Committee covering the four years since the last formal report in 1958 (copy attached to Minutes).

- Robert Myers presented a concern of the American Friends Service Committee, at the request of Marjorie Laufman, that our Meeting consider finding foster homes for Negro children from Prince Edward County, Va., who have had no public schools available for four years, so they could attend school here. It would be necessary to raise a minimum of $15 per week per child for a minimum of four children, to cover board and other expenses, in addition to soliciting foster homes, studying applications to house children. making arrangements with school districts in regard to tuition, etc. When, xxxxxx after searching consideration, doubt was expressed that our Meeting has the resources to meet this need during the next few weeks, it was proposed that we might limit our effort to helping finance the work of similar committees in nearby communities. It was pointed out that there is more meaning to all involved in having children actually come to this community. On the other hand, we have to choose the projects to which we can devote ourselves; saying yes to one means saying no to others. Since Friends were much concerned over this need but did not see their way clear to carry out the project this summer, it was agreed to ask the Peace and Social Concerns Committee to consider ways that the Meeting might help by raising money to aid an already established project or by other means.

- The clerk suggested that Friends consider whether Monthly Meeting should be omitted in August, since last year only four persons attended, of which xxx two were xxxxxxx visitors.

- Meeting closed with a period of worship.

Robert M. Myers
Recording Clerk

The July monthly meeting for business was held at Sherwood [illegible]
July 11, 1962.

The minutes of the June meeting were read. They were approved after Barbara [illegible]'s name was withdrawn from the nominating committee at her request.

[illegible] committee.

It was decided to [illegible] meeting there we have not found a qualified [illegible] be on the Yearly Meeting Nominating Committee.

It was decided [illegible] possibility of finding foster homes for children from Prince Edwards County in Virginia according to the plan outlined in [illegible]. [illegible] groups undertaking this responsibility if the program is actually started. [illegible] funds would consist of individual contributions.

The building committee reported that an architect had been engaged for the proposed new meeting house.

John Foster reported on the Financial Committee Meeting of the Yearly Meeting, at which this committee recommended that each Monthly Meeting budget an amount equal to [illegible] dollars per member as an annual contribution to the Yearly Meeting. It was [illegible] that, since our Monthly Meeting budgets less than this amount for [illegible], [illegible] should be done through the treasurer of our Monthly Meeting who would send such contributions to Yearly Meeting.

It was decided to increase the amount budgeted for the religious education committee [illegible] to $[illegible]. [illegible] needed to provide care for children during [illegible] adult discussion period as well as during meeting for worship.

The responsibility for the adult discussion program was assigned to the Religious Education Committee.

It was decided to discuss at the April business meeting an earlier hour for meeting for worship during the summer months.

Ministry and Counsel recommended that David and Julie Leonard be accepted as members of the Meeting and that their children Catherine, born in 1957, and Christopher, born in 1960, be accepted as associate members. This was done.

It was decided that a committee be appointed by the Business Meeting to call on new members of the Meeting. Helen Griffith was appointed to call on the Leonards.

It was decided to omit the [illegible] at business meeting.

An announcement was made about a television program called The Gentle Persuaders to be [illegible] on July 29, 1962 to be [illegible] by the American Tobacco Company. The Clerk was asked to write a letter to the television network protesting using a program dealing with the Quakers to advertise tobacco.

Thomas Crowe

REQUESTED REPORT OF CLOTHING COMMITTEE

During the year from June 1, 1961, to May 31, 1962, we sent 4 shipments to the American Friends Service Committee in Philadelphia, comprising 54 duffle bags and 63 corrugated cartons full of clothing plus 1 treadle sewing machine, a total of 118 parcels weighing 3,238 pounds. This brought the total clothing shipments to A.F.S.C. since 1955 to 21,855 pounds.

Goodwill Industries of Springfield collected the first Monday of each month all items not suitable for overseas relief work. Approximately the same amount went to them as to the A.F.S.C.

One drive on the Amherst College campus was conducted by Dudley Towne and the clothing thus obtained was sorted and packed by volunteers from the meeting, organized by Becky Holmes. One barrel was maintained throughout the year in the First Congregational Church in Amherst. The Amherst United Church Women sewing group met twice a month under direction of Susan Stifler and Mary Taylor to sort, mend, and pack. Transportation from Holyoke to Philadelphia was donated by Hugh F. Gannon, Inc., Freight Forwarders, contacted by Peggy Holden. Arrangements were made for Dudley Towne and John Esty to handle storage and shipment of clothing while the Holmeses are in Holland.

The A.F.S.C. movie on relief work in Algerian refugee camps, STRANGERS TO HOPE, was brought to Amherst and shown to 3 groups: the Friends Meeting, the sewing group, and the Methodist church's fellowship group.

The committee met formally once, to discuss specifications requested by the meeting for facilities needed in the new Meetinghouse to conduct the clothing and relief program. These specifications were later written up for, submitted to, and defended before the Building Committee by Francis Holmes.

In the aftermath of the Algerian War and as new conflicts break out elsewhere, the need continues to be urgent for men's and children's clothing and for blankets and yard goods.

Respectfully submitted,

F. W. Holmes

Francis W. Holmes

During the year from June 1, 1951, to May 31, 1952, we sent 4 shipments to the American Friends Service Committee in Philadelphia, comprising 60 bales and 80 cormugated cartons full of clothing plus 1 trunkful sewing machine, a total of 1149 parcels weighing 7,886 pounds. This brought the total clothing shipments to A.F.S.C. since 1948 to 31,888 pounds.

Recently Secretaries of Continental collected the first canvas of each month all items not suitable for overseas relief use. Approximately the same amount went to them as to the A.F.S.C.

One drive on the Amherst College campus was conducted by Molly Towne and the clothing thus obtained was sorted and packed by volunteers from the meeting, assisted by many others. One carton was maintained throughout the year in the Amherst Cooperationist Church in Amherst. The Amherst United Church Women packed two twice a month under direction of Grace Shaffer and Mary Taylor to ship, from, one pack. Transportation from Belchertown to Philadelphia was donated by [illegible]. [illegible]

[illegible] made for Audrey Towne and John Petz to handle storage and shipment of clothing while the Petzes are in Holland.

The A.W.S.C. movie on relief work in Algerian refugee camps, "Behind [illegible]", was brought to Amherst and shown to 5 groups: the Friends Meeting, the Service Group, and the Wet Coat Church's Fellowship group.

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Respectfully submitted,

Frances V. Holmes

At a meeting of the Committee on Records and History held May 11,1962, five recommendations were prepared to be presented at the next Monthly Meeting for Business.

The committee recommends:

1). That for the present, the Monthly Meeting Minutes be stored in a bank vault or other equally safe place and that provisions be made in the new Meeting House for a fireproof facility for storing our records.

2). That the original minutes be transferred every six months to the designated safe place and duplicates be kept by the Clerk for reference.

3). That the minutes of Meeting on Ministry and Counsel be kept in the same manner.

4). That financial records be kept for five years and older records of this category be destroyed, except the books of accounts which are to be preserved until they have been used as source material for a future history of the meeting.

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Committee on Records and History

Helen Griffith
Sally Dirks
Fritz Kaufhold

Meeting for Business.

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Committee on Records and History

REPORT OF THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE, JUNE 13, 1962

Since no report of the Library Committee has been asked for since the 1957-58 report, perhaps this one, for the sake of the record, should cover all four unreported years instead of just the last, 1961-62. Of course, human nature being what it is, records are less carefully kept when not asked for. However, so far as money spent and books and pamphlets received, processed, and shelved are concerned, we can give an account, but we have no reliable figures on the use and abuse of them.

Taking up expenditure first: we spent for books and pamphlets in 1958-59, $17.11; in 1959-60, $19.25; in 1960-61, $15.70; and in the current year, 1961-62, $21.70, making a total for the four years of $73.76. In this same period we spent for library supplies and equipment, $13.85, bringing the total amount spent for the library in the last four years to $87.61, an average per year of $21.90.

Another expense undertaken by the Committee but not connected with the library is the purchase and presentation of books for new babies born to Meeting members. $5.85 is all recorded for this purpose, though it seems clear that more must have been spent.

During the four years considered, 227 books and pamphlets have been catalogued and shelved at the cost of 200 hours of woman power. If that seems too much time for what was accomplished, please remember that not one of your Committee has ever had any library training. Samuel Johnson's comment on a woman preaching can be adapted to cover our efforts. You remember he compared a woman's preaching to a dog's walking on its hind legs and said that though not well done you are surprised to find it done at all. We are, therefore, delighted that at long last we have a professional librarian in our Meeting. Though he comes too late to correct fundamental oddities in our system of classification, there are plenty of other mistakes that he can correct. So from now on we expect to be more efficient and business-like.

We record here with deep regret the resignation from the Committee of Ethel Bardwell who has been an active member from the beginning, hardly ever missing one of our all day sessions. Her almost library handwriting, her accuracy, her gaiety and the ease with which she kept the fire in the fireplace going on cold days will all be greatly missed. We wish the Meeting would send her a thank-you for her years of service.

Our seven-year-old library has in its card catalogue 802 titles. Probably more than half of these are pamphlets. Quakers are especially fortunate in the number and quality of their pamphlet material - the Pendle Hill pamphlets, the English Swarthmore lectures, our American William Penn lectures, the Ward, and many others. The convenient size and outstanding quality of much of this material leave us without a leg to stand on when we say we have no time for reading in the Quaker field.

As is obvious from the small amount we have spent on books, the largest number of our catalogued items have been gifts. Friends have been generous in passing on to us books they think the library should have. Some have even bought books for us. We are getting through this generous source a collection of Rufus Jones' works. When you are in second-hand bookstores, look around and see what Quaker books you can find. Make a list and check with our card index. We want to build a substantial Quaker library. The

biggest help so far along this line has been the Rosher Goddard Tract Committee of New England Yearly Meeting. From the funds at its disposal it will give to constituent meetings that ask for them two or three books each year. These are usually chosen from a list the Committee sends out each year, but special requests are considered too. Another way in which we are trying to build up the library is in the magazine field. One family in our Meeting has had bound and given us all the volumes of the Friends Journal. Two volumes of the English Quaker weekly, The Friend, have also been bound for us. Another gift from the same source is the binding of all the newsletters we could collect, a mine of historical information about our Meeting. With such help from our friends we should in time have a useful and valuable library.

Duplicates, as you know, have been loaned to the three college centers - Smith, Mount Holyoke and Amherst. When we have our Meeting House library in Amherst, there may be no further need for the Amherst duplicates. It is important to keep in touch with these separate groups of books to determine what use is made of them.

In conclusion we want to repeat what was said in an earlier report, that our Library has an important part to play in the life of our Meeting. It gives us means for enlarging and deepening our faith through reading.

MIDDLE CONNECTICUT VALLEY MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS. MEETING 9/13/62

1. The Middle Connecticut Valley Monthly Meeting met at the Sherwood Friends Center, Greenfield on 13 September 1962. 24 Friends were present. The Clerk read the preface to the Queries and the First Query as a preparation for worship.

2. Since the minutes of the July meeting were not available, the reading was postponed. They were subsequently read and approved.

3. The Clerk reminded Friends that the October Quarterly Meeting was our responsibility and asked that a small committee on arrangements and program be named in the face of the meeting. These Friends were named to this service: Frances Crowe, convenor, Philip Woodbridge, Julie Leonard, and Russell Brooks. The committee was empowered to "co-opt" additional Friends. Twi suggestions for a program were made: "Quaker Faces", a film on the Washington peace vigil, and William Griswold, a speaker on Algeria.

4. Fritz Kaufhold and Robert Myer were appointed representatives to Quarterly Meeting.

5. The clerk has not received a response to his letter to the sponsors of the television program, "The Gentle Persuaders".

6. Morjorie Laufman announced that funds are still needed for the children from Prince Edwards County. ~~and the Program of Community Relations of~~ Contributions should be sent to the Program of Community Relations of the Cambridge office of the AFSC or to Herman Spieghel of Springfield College.

7. John Zahradnik, reported for the Building Committee, said that preliminary plans for the meeting house have been prepared and have been available for inspection and meeting and on other occasions and that Friends have been asked to submit written comments to the committee. The estimated cost is $55,000, exclusive of the architects 10% fee. Members of the committee spoke to the need of reducing costs, this to be done without seriously curtailing the facilities to be provided. This course of action seemed to meet with general approval.

8. Bruce Hawkins on behalf of the Religious Education Committee announced the week-end meeting at Woolman Hill (14-15 September), the need for two more First Day School Teachers, and the resumption of First Day School on Sunday (16 September).

9. The traveling minute of Margaret and Lester Clarke was returned.

10. The Clerk called attention to the annual meeting for worship at Great Barrington on 16 September. It seems unlikely that any Friends from this meeting will be able to attened, and the question arises as to whether this tradition should be prepetuated. Russell Brooks asked that the questions of the Great Barrington Meeting come under discussion in the next meeting for Ministry and Counsel. This was approved and the hope expressed that Helen Griffith be able to explain the problem to Friends in Great Barrington.

1. The Mid Ze Conservation Valley Hospital Building and of the Sherwood Theatre, Chancellor on 12 September 1965. 4/ tickets were issued. The Chairman read the previous to the minutes and the Mint Queen as a presentation for monthly.

2. Since the minutes of the July meeting were not available, the meeting was [illegible].

3. The Clerk reminded Friends that the Society is doing its very own responsibility and asked that a small committee on arrangements be appointed in the form of the motion. Three Friends were named to this service: Simmons Brown, Common, Lifting Woodbridge, Doris Lennon, and Russell Thomas. The committee was instructed to "support" additional [illegible]. Ted Greenfield for a procedure were as: "Water Mress", a film on the Hendrickson Cave Vista, and William Hollowell, a member on Alcoholism.

4. Kitty Kaufold and Bonnet Myer were appointed representatives to [illegible].

5. The clerk has not received a response to his letter to him concerns of the television reception, "The Double Person Gun".

6. Mordecai Bellman announced that there are still masks for the children [illegible]. should be sent to the Museum of Community Relations of the Lansdowne Office of the ADD on to Bureau Memorial of Springfield College.

7. John Zaremski, reported for the Building Committee, said that Library plans for this meeting issue have been prepared and have been available for inspection and on other occasions and that details have been mailed to absent members to the committee. The estimated cost be $[illegible], exclusive of the amendment 10% fee. Members of the committee made to the need of removing costs. this to be done without seriously curtailing the facilities to be provided. This comes of action seems to meet with general approval.

8. James Hawkins on behalf of the Publications Committee announced the [illegible] meeting at Woodlawn Hill (14-15 September), the next for two more [illegible] Boy Scout Executive, and the reservation of rest by school on Sunday (15 September).

9. The traveling minute of Margaret and Lesley Clarke was returned.

10. The Clerk called attention to the annual meeting for worship at Mount Pentelicon on 15 September. It seems unlikely that any Friends from this meeting will be able to attend, and the question arises as to whether this Institution should be represented. Bernard Brooks asked that the quantity of the Event Insurance [illegible] and the Loan underwritten and Loan credit be able to exclude this problem [illegible].

11. Approval was given to continuing the custom of sending motto calendars to each family in the meeting.

12. The offer of the Friends Journal to send free issues to new attenders was noted; it was decided to post the notice and to certify those attenders wishing to receive the journal. It was decided not to send school years subscriptions to young Friends in boarding school and college.

13. The clerk read annoucements of various meetings, programs, etc received since last monthly meeting.

14. A request from Yearly Meeting for a list of visitors being received, the Recording Clerk was instructed to search for the meeting's visitors book.

15. Helen Grifith asked whether the new address list should list all attenders in one alphabet, with appropriate symbols for status, or whether their should be two alphabetical listings, one for resident members and attenders, and one for non-resident members. The feeling was that the latter arrangement would be more easily used. Helen Griffith was also authorized to make necessary expenditures for postage, etc. on this project.

16. Philip Woodbridge reported that the insurance examiner had condemned the furnace stack at Sherwood and raised the questions of whether the use of the building would justify the expense of repairs, believed to be about $400. He is to secure estimates.

17. The meeting concluded at 10:15 pm.

Robert M. Agard
Recording Clerk

MIDDLE CONNECTICUT VALLEYY MEETING OF FRIENDS. MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING
10/10/62

- The monthly meeting of the Middle Connecticut Valley Meeting was held at Sherwood Friends Center on 10 October with 10 Friends present. As the basis for for the opening meditation the clerk read the second query.

1. The minutes of the September monthly meeting were read, corrected, and approved.

2/ The appreciation of the meeting was expressed to the Committee on Arrangements for Quarterly Meeting for services performed.

- Helen Griffith and Robert Myers reported that the meeting for worship at Great Barrington on 16 September was fruitful but that the occasion to discuss the future of this annual occurance did not arise.

- The Recording ~~Serk-~~ Clerk reported that the visitors' book has been found; some discussion as to the use of this book followed.

3/ Heleh Griffith asked for permission to use maiden names of married women in the new directory. This was approved. She also commented on the use of appropriate symbols to indicate the status of members and attenders (active, associate, etc.).

4. On the recommendation of the Meeting on Ministry and Counsel, the application for membership of John and Barbara Gilbert was approved. Associate membership was accorded to their children Jeffrey, Harriet, and [illegible], Robert and Phyllis Agard were asked to welcome the Gilberts to the meeting.

5. Because the furnace at the Sherwood Center cannot be used, and because the Center and adjacent property is certain to be taken by the Commonwealth in connection with the extension of Route 91, the question of where to hold monthly meeting came before the meeting. The Committee on Relations with the Grange was directed to try to arrange for the use of the Grange Hall for monthly meeting. Failing this, it was agreed to meeting in November at the Agards in Amherst.

6. John Zahradnik reported that the Building Committee has not been successful in attempting to reduce the cost of the meeting house. Although he said that the Committee has not hitherto favored the use of volunteer labor, the meeting expressed approval of the use of volunteers for landscaping and interior finishing.

7/ Helen Griffith reminded Friends that the closing ~~the~~ the Sherwood Center would cause problems with respect to the use of the library. It was decided that the card catalog and the pamphlet file, two items essential to the work of the Library Committee, should be moved to a home and that a plea for help in housing the library should be made to the meeting at large.

- The Clerk asked if there should be a representative of the meeting on the Amherst Council of Churches. Miriam Zakradnik responded by saying that she was the representative of the Amherst Preparative Meeting and that the Council's meetings always conflicted with monthly meeting.

7. Fritz Kaufhold informed the meeting of ~~the resignation of~~ Lucia Russell's desire to resign as a trustee of the Sherwood Friends Center and of the legal advice that a successor should be chosen from among the members of the Greenfield Preparative Meeting. This preparative meeting was asked to bring a nomination or nominations for Lucia Russell's successor to the next monthly meeting.

8. John Zahradnik presented a concern that Friends give a public demonstration of welcome to the Peace Corps trainees assigned to the University of Massachusetts. The matter of appropriate action was referred to the Peace and Social Concerns Committe, to which John Zahradnik was added for the occasion.

- After a period of mediation the meeting adjourned at 10:15 pm.

Robert M. Agard

Robert M, Agard
Recording Clerk

Sp mtg 10-27-62

The Report of a special meeting for business held tenth month, 27, 1962 at 8:00 P.M. in the home of David and Trudy Huntington.

Fifteen Friends convened in silent worship followed by the reading of an American Friends Service Committee Statement.

The special meeting was initiated by the Peace and Social Concerns Committee and called by the Committee on ~~Over Sight~~ Ministry and Counsel.

John Zahradnik presented the concern of the Peace and Social Concerns Committee, that something be done in an effort to reach other people with the need for peaceful solutions to the Cuban Crisis.

It was suggested that letters be written to newspaper editors.

It was determined to hold a vigil in front of town halls. We therefore divided into four smaller groups to take care of details such as: Where we would meet; Contacting other groups who might be interested in Cambridge or Hartford; Preparing statements for the press and for President Kennedy; and to prepare a handout leaflet for the vigil.

Francis Crowe suggested noon meetings for meditation.

1. The ~~Vigil~~ Arrangements Committee consisted of:

Don Carter
Myrtle Johnson
Bruce Hawkins
John Foster
David Leonard
Dorothy Schalk

2. The Statement Committee:

John Zabradnik
Trudy Huntington
James Cooney
Fritz Kaufhold
David Holden

3. Telephone Contacts Cambridge, Hartford and Ridge.
Francis Crowe.

John Foster, clerk, was requested to obtain a permit from the Amherst Police to hold such a public demonstration.

Respectfully submitted
Allen Kaufhold
Marian Zabradnik

MIDDLE CONNECTICUT VALLEY MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS MEETING FOR BUSINESS 10-28-62

A special meeting for business was held in the Grange hall following Meeting for Worship, to consider further the appropriateness of and arrangements for a vigil or vigils in response to Friends concern about developments in the Cuban situation.

A statement prepared to send to President Kennedy was read and suggestions for revision were made to the committee who had drawn it up. The committee were authorized to publish a revised statement.

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Robert M. Myers
for the recording clerk.

MIDDLE CONNECTICUT VALLEY MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS MEETING FOR BUSINESS 10-28-62

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Amherst, Massachusetts
October 28, 1962

President John F. Kennedy
Washington, D. C.

Dear President Kennedy:

Today we can no longer hope to save our own family, nor save our own state, nor save our own country, unless we can save mankind. We agree with your statement, "Mankind must put an end to war or war will put an end to mankind."

We believe that you have available the means, through the United Nations, through the guidance of your own conscience, and through the still unexpressed voices of millions of American citizens, to put an end to world tensions without the use of force or brinkmanship diplomacy.

We believe that if the American people indicate to you their willingness to support you in these peaceful efforts, you will respond accordingly.

We believe, however, that because of the traditionally accepted use of war as an attempt to settle international disputes, you have the responsibility to emphasize the yet untried peaceful alternatives. Only then will the American people express themselves without timidity.

Therefore, we hereby call this special responsibility to your attention and pledge our efforts to aid you in bringing to the attention of our fellow citizens the peaceful alternatives to war.

To further this end, and in view of the urgency of the developments centered around Cuba, we hereby proclaim that on Saturday, November 3, 1962, at 11:00 a. m. on the Common in the Town of Amherst, Massachusetts, we will hold a special Peace Vigil, to which we invite our fellow citizens, in order to express by their participation in silent meditation, their support of peaceful alternatives to war.

Middle Connecticut Valley Monthly Meeting of Friends

MIFFLE CONNECTICUT VALLEY MEETING OF FRIENDS

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD 11/14/62

- The monthly meeting was held at the Grange Hall in Amherst on 14 November 1962 with 15 Friends present. During the opening period of silence the Clerk read the 3d Query.

1. The minutes of the October meeting were read, corrected and approved.

2. Miriam Zahradnik read the minutes of the called meeting of 27 October. They were corrected and approved.

3. The minutes of the called meeting of 28 October were read and approved.

4. The Recording ~~Cler~~ Clerk was asked to attach to these minutes a copy of the letter written to the President of the United States.

5. The Treasurer presented the following report , which received approval:

A. Regular Budget:

$ 280.51	on hand, beginning fiscal year
$2290.00 -	regular budget for fiscal year
-562.49	contributed toward budget
$1727.51	to be raised before 31 May, 1963, ifmeeting is to have same amount in treasury as at the beginning of the fiscal year. We need approximately this amount to pay rent for the Grange during the summer when contributions are light.

B. Building Fund

$ 357.20	in building fund at beginning of fiscal year
275.00	contributed this fiscal year
$632 .20	
$ 3.50	clerical expence
350.00	inital payment to architect
124.50	taxes on building lot
$ 478.00	
$ 154.20	current balance.

- Since no Friends from Greenfield were present, and since the clerk had received no communication from them, there was no nomination of a Friend to succeed Lucia Russell on the Sherwood Center Committee.

- John Zahradnik reported that in spite of bad weather, the peace vigil was held on Amherst Common on 4 November. 30 people participated, with one other joining for the latter half. He expressed appreciation of the efforts of the committee working on arrangements and especially of the work of the clerk in maintaining telephone contact with the members of the meeting while arrangements were being made, There was no news of the event in the Amherst paper other than the paid advertisement. David Holden repprted a short article in the Holyoke paper. The clerk reported that the Hartford and Rindge Meetings expressed interest and said that some of their members might attend. Copies of newspapers announcments and the vigil statement are attached

- Margaret Holden said that she has managed for announcements of meetings for worship to be included each week in the church notices of the Holyoke papers

-. Helen Griffith announced a supper to be held in Elliott House on the Mt. Holyoke campus on 18 November ~~to~~ with A. J. Muste as the speaker.

6. Mary Kentfield presented a reconnendation of the Peace and Social Concerns Committee that the meeting publicly endorse the Peace Corps and asked for approval of a letter to be sent to the local newspaper. John Zahradnik suggested that the letter be sent also to the university paper and the New York Times as well as to local papers. This was approved. John Zahradnik and Curtis Johnson ~~as~~ 3rd such memmers of the Committee on Peace and Social Concerns a s they may draft were directed to prepare the letter for the ~~eer~~- clerk's signature. The clerk indicated that prompt action was in order because of the departture of the Peace Corps trainees by mid-December.

-. John Zahradnik reported that offers of hospitality for members of the Peacce Corps for Thanksgiving have been turned over to the directors of the traning program; that the number of offers exceeding the number of tainees available; and that hosts will be notifed of the names of their ~~guests~~- guests next week.

7. Thomas Crowe repprted the results of the Finance Committee's questionnaire. Promises of support for the new meetinghouse program are as follows:

For current budget, 18 people promise $1587 out of $2290 needed for initial ~~construction~~ current operating budget
16 people promise $5735 out of $14,000 needed for ~~amortization and interest~~ initial contribution
14 people promise $1468 out of 3 000 needed for amortization annual

The Finance Committee was asked to make a complete report at the next monthly meeting after the rest of the questionnaires have been returned.

8. The Finance Committee was directed to ask the Greenfield Meetingif the proceeds from the sale of the Sherwood Center to the state would be available to lend to the building fund.

-. The clerk rep rted that two visitors for the Friends General Conference Meetinghouse Fund were to have been appointed in October and may be expected to come to survey the situation with a view to recommending a gift or a loan for the ~~nwee~~ new meetinghouse. ~~A loan plus the grant might possibly total $10,000, but would probably be for less.~~

9. The Building Committee was directed, after discussion, to consider possible alternatives to building a new meetinghouse according to the present plans, considering particularly whether one wing or the other might be built first and temporarily serve ~~all~~ needs. It was also suggested that the shell only could be built, leaving inside finishing and partitions to be completed later. John Zahradnik reminded the meeting that reducing the initial $14,000 to be raised by obtaining a loan from the Greenfield Meeting would only increase the amount of amortization and interest to be raised annually afterwards. He also suggested we might pay the architect for work done so far so that he would not have to wait two or three years while the meeting raises money to build. The meeting decided to postpone any definite arrangements with the ~~ar~~architect until after the next monthly meeting.

-. Helen Griffith raised the problem of space for the library, which must be moved from Sherwood Center. The Zahradniks offered the use of their parlor and asked for three of four volunteers to build shelves. the Saturday after Thanksgiving. Barbara Gilbert offered to move the remaining books from Sherwood to the Zahradniks the Friday after Thanksgiving and also some boxes stored on Helen Griffith's porch. The Library Committee will find additional volunteers for both jobs.

-. Margaret Holden asked members to consider possible fund raising schemes for the new meeting house. Concerns was expressed that the methods be in accord with Friends customs and attitdes.

10. Helen Griffith read a letter from Francis Holmes in Holland expressing concern that the written ministry of Friends be more widely shared, as the spoken ministry is. He was thinking especially of papers published by monthly meetings or periodicals of larger groups. Are these collected anywhere? Should our library include such periodicals? He offered as a member of the Library Committee, to contact the issuers of such publications, trade them for our news letter, collect back issues and survey them for helpful, inspirational items. Discussions was postponed until Robert Agard could be present to give the benefit of his experience as in such matters at Earlham.

11. Mary Kentfield read a newspaper ad published by Boston Friends aimed at reaching potential religious, conscientous objectors, and she suggested similar action on our part. A decision was postponed.

-. After a brief period of silence the meeting adjourned at 10:30 pm.

Phyllis Agard
Recording Clerk pro tem.

MIDDLE CONNECTICUT VALLEY MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

MINUTES OF THE MEETING 12/12/62

-. The regular monthly meeting was held at 8:00 pm on 12 December at the Amherst Grange with 11 Friends present. During the opening period of meditation and worship, the clerk read the 4th Query.

1. The minutes of the meeting of 11/14/62 were approved as corrected.

2. Lucia Russell having resigned as a trustee for the Greenfield Preparative Meeting of the Sherwood Friends Center, the Greenfield Preparative Meeting nominated Louise Marrow of Spofford, New Hampshire, as a trustee of the Sherwood Friends Center. This nomination was approved by he Middle Connecticut Valley Monthly Meeting of Friends.

3. The Clerk announced the ~~mail~~ availability of the new meeting directory and asked the meeting to determine what distribution it should receive. It was decided that the availability of the directory should be announced in the News letter and that Friends wanting a copy might procure it after meeting (signing for it) or might write the clerk for one.

-. The Treasurer reported briefly as follows:

$1622 pledged toward the current operating budget of $2290;
over $10,000 pledged towards the $14,000 needed to start the meetinghouse;
$1968 pledged toward annual carrying charges for $3000.

-. The Clerk announced that a committee consisting of Paul and Libby Butterfield, Catherine Lock, Herschel Parsons, and George Halford, would visit the meeting on behalf of the Meetinghouse Fund on 6 January. Plans are that the visitors are to join in with the meeting activities from 10 o'clock on and to entertain them with the Finance and Building Committees at a pot-luck dinner at the Fosters.

4. The Clerk's query as to whether the meeting wished to make an appearance at a hearing before the Zoning Board on the request of the Amherst Creamery to operate a restaurant and snack bar set off a lengthy discussion. It was finally concluded that (1) the restaurant was detrimental to the best interests of the meeting not only during the worship hour on First Day but also at other times; (2) that the Meeting is sympathetic to the assumed objections of the neighbors; and (3) a committee consisting of the Clerk, Miriam Zahradnik, and Thomas Crowe visit Walter Vincent to acertain his intentions and to represent the Meeting at the hearing.

5. John Zahradnik read a letter , attached to these minutes) in support of the Peace Corps. This letter received meeting approval.

6. The proposal made by letter by Francis Holmes that the meeting seek foundation support to collect, bind, preserve, and excerpt the newsletters of monthly meetings was laid aside until he would be able to participate more actively in the project. The present status of the building fund was felt to remove the need for immediate action of this proposal.

7. The resignation of Helen Griffith from the Directory Committee was accepted with great regret and marked appreciation for her services. The Nominating Committee was asked to bring a nomination for her replacement to the next monthly meeting. The committee was also asked to name replacements for Fritz Kaufhold and Russell Brooks, whose terms as trustees have expired.

8. After a period of meditation the meeting ~~adjourned~~ adjourned at 10:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Robert M. Agard
Recording Clerk

Extract from the Minutes of the Middle Connecticut Valley Meeting of the Society of Friends for the meeting held 12/12/62

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John Foster, Clerk

Robert M. Agard
Recording Clerk

December 20, 1962

Statement by the Middle Connecticut Valley Monthly Meeting of Friends before the Amherst Zoning Board of Appeals with reference to an application by the Amherst Creamery for a permit to open a snack bar and restaurant on its premises at the corner of Fearing Street and Sunset Avenue.

This application and the attitude of our Meeting toward it were extensively discussed in our regular monthly meeting for business held on December 12, 1962. The following is a statement of the sense of the meeting arrived at in this discussion.

We understand that the purpose of this hearing is to help this Board make a judgment of the impact of a restaurant and snack bar on the neighborhood. We therefore will use this opportunity to tell the Board how we feel the granting of this permit might affect the Friend's Meeting.

We cannot see any substantial benefit to our Meeting from having a snack bar and restaurant across the street. However, we also do not wish to contribute to the unnecessary curtailment of any individual's right to use his property as he sees fit.

We see the main impact on the Friend's Meeting occurring on Sunday morning. As you may realize, in our worship service, we meet together in silence will no programmed service. We do have some speaking by members but for most of the worship period, we are silent. It is the noise, therefore, that might be associated with the resturant on Sunday morning that is our primary concern.

The purchase of this lot last January climaxed a three year search for a suitable location for our meeting house. This lot seemed to be suitable in many ways for our group. Before purchasing the lot, however, we discussed at some length the possibility of undesirable noise from the creamery as it is presently operated. Our conclusion was that the creamery was not then open on Sunday and was not likely to be so in the future.

The type of restaurant noise which we would find most difficult would be a juke-box. In addition to this, loud talking by patrons as they come and go, slamming of car doors and similar activities would be annoying.

Although less important to us, we also feel that a restaurant would be disadvantageous to us in our use of our meeting house at other times of the week. We often have periods of silent worship during the week and any congregating place which might be noisy close to a meeting house is undesirable.

Fortunately, we have not yet constructed our meeting house. If this permit is granted, it will still be possible to make adjustments in our building plans to minimize but not eliminate the detrimental effects of a resturant and snack bar.

Finally, I wish to end by reading the text of the minutes of our business meeting regarding this application.

"The meeting feels, in general, that a restaurant across the street would be detrimental to the meeting especially on Sunday morning, but also at other times during the week. The Meeting is sympathetic to the objections of the neighbors toward the restaurant."

John H. Foster, Clerk and
Chairman of statement committee
Middle Connecticut Valley
Monthly Meeting of Friends (Quakers)

December 4th, 1962

Statement by the Middle Connecticut Valley Monthly Meeting of Friends before the Hearing Board of Appeals with reference to an application by the Amherst Brewery for a permit to open a snack bar and restaurant on the premises at the corner of Sterling Street and Lumbert Avenue.

This application and the attitude of our Meeting toward it were originally discussed in our regular monthly meeting for business held on December 15, 1962. The following is a statement of the sense of the meeting arrived at in this discussion.

We understand that the purpose of this hearing is to help this Board make a judgment of the impact of a restaurant and snack bar on the neighborhood. We therefore will use this opportunity to tell the Board how we feel the granting of this permit might affect the community.

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The type of restaurant and snack bar which we would find most difficult would be a juke-box. In addition to this, long waiting by patrons as they come and go, planning of our Sunday and similar activities would be annoying.

Fortunately, we have not yet constructed our meeting house. If this permit is granted, it will still be possible to make adjustments in our building plans to minimize but not eliminate the detrimental effect of a restaurant and snack bar.

Finally, I wish to sum up by reading the last of the minutes of our business meeting regarding this application.

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Monthly Meeting of Friends (Quakers)
Chairman of statement committee
Joan H. Porter, Clerk and

MIDDLE CONNECTICUT VALLEY MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

MINUTES OF MEETING, 1 - 9 - 63

1. The regularly monthly meeting was held on 9 January 1963 at the Grange Hall in Amherst with 15 Friends present. During the opening medidiation, the Clerk read the 5th Query.

1. The minutes of the meeting of 12/12/62 were read and approved.

2. The Treasurer presented the following report:

Building Fund:	On hand, 1 June	$ 357.20
	Contributions	4709.
		$ 5060.20
	Clerical expense	$ 3.50
	Architect's fees	350.
	Taxes	124.50
		$ 478.
	Balance	$ 4588.20
Savings Account:	$311.27 plus interest	
Current Budget:	Budget	$ 2290.
	Contributions	953.49
	To be raised by 31 May to close year with same balance	$ 1236.51
	Toward 1963-64 budget	$ 125.
Pledges to loan amortization fund		$ 550.

2. The recommendation of Ministry and Counsel that Fay Jones be dropped from membership at her request was approved.

3. Approval was given to a traveling minute prepared by the clerk for George and Mary Taylor, who are about to travel in Asia and Europe.

4. Approval was given to the following report of the Nominating Committee:

To the Directory Committee:
Trustees until ~~1968~~ for a 6 year Term beginning June-1962

Georgeana Foster
David Holden
John Zahradnik

5. Miriam Zahradnik reported on the visit which she and John Foster had with George Vincent regarding the proposal to convert the Amherst Creamery into a restaurant. The clerk read the state, which is attached, which was present on behalf ~~theq~~ of the meeting to the Board of Zoning Appeals. Mr, Vinvent was reported to be well disposed toward the meeting and later called to suggest that if noise was a concern to us we should consider arranging the meetinghouse to avoid it..

6. The representatives of the Meeting House Fund appeared to be favorably impressed with our endeavors and promised to secure

4. The regularly monthly meeting was held on 9 January 1963 at the Grosse Hall in Ayr with 12 Princes present. During the routine meditation, the Lords Two the [illegible].

1. The minutes of the meeting of 12/12/62 were read and approved.

2. The Treasurer presented the following report:

Building fund:	On hand, 1 June	$ 477.20
	Contributions	4[illegible].
		$ 50[illegible].20
	Optional expense	$ 3.70
	Unaffected fees	350.
	Taxes	1[illegible].50
		[illegible].
		$ [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Income to Loan contribution fund $ 5[illegible].

3. The reconsideration of Mr. Kirby and Counsel that they Lords be dropped from membership at her request was approved.

7. Approval was given to a traveling minute presented by the clerk for George Henry Taylor, who was about to travel in Asia and Europe.

4. Approval was given to the following report of the Membership Committee:

To the Directory Committee:	Respectfully Submitted,
Trustees met [illegible]	David Nelson
	John Dartmouth

5. Trustee Dartmouth reported on the visit Miss and John Dartmouth had with George Vincent regarding the proposal to convert the Amherst Dormitory into a restaurant. The clerk read the state, which is attached, which was presented on behalf of the meeting to the Board of Trustees Annually. Mr. Vincent was requested to be well aware of the [illegible] and later called to request that if noise was a concern to us we should consider arranging the meeting hours to avoid it.

* The permanent objective of the Meeting: To see God approached by and revealed to all, our ancestors may trained to accept increased

a prompt answer.

5. Dorothy Carter and Curtis Johnson were named as a committee to investigate sources of income from the new meetinghouse. Rentals from a nursery school or offices were mentioned as possibilities.

6. The following Friends were appointed as representatives to Quarterly Meeting to be held 2/3 at Hartford:

Robert Agard
Barbara Bilbert
James and Inez Fuller

-. Several announcements were here made:

Georgeana Foster, that the Religious Education Committee was considering ways in improving the conduct of children after meeting and fellowship dinner. - -

A Friends Conference on Race Relations to be held at Oakwood School, 16 - 21 June. - -

The Grange will not be availabe for meeting use on the 3d First Day in June after noon - -

$30.00 was collected for Algerian relief at Christmas - also yarn and school supplies - -

Woolman Hill has been reserved for a family week-end on 18-19 May; conflicts were mentioned and alternative dates suggested - -.

7. The question of projects to raise funds for the new meetinghouse came under discussion. The conclusion reached was that spontaneous, appropriate projects within the traditions of Friends and not excessively time-consuming would be acceptable.

-. After a brief period of meditation, the meeting concluded at 10 pm.

Robert M. Agard

Robert M. Agard
Recording Clerk

MIDDLE CONNECTICUT VALLEY MEETING OF FRIENDS

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING 2/13/63

-. The regular monthly meeting was held in the Grange Hall in Amherst at 8 pm on 13 February 1963. During the opening period of meditation, the Clerk read the Query/

1. The minutes of the meeting held 1/9//63 were corrected and approved. It was announced that 11-12 May is the date for the family week-end at Woolman Hill.

2. The request of Peter Wickham for a letter of transfer to the Albany (N.Y.) Monthly Meeting was approved.

3. Traveling minutes were approved for Philip and Marian Woodbridge, who are about to travel in Europe and for John and Barbara Gilbert, who are about to travel in the Mediterranean area/

-/. In connection with the prepparation of the Report of the State of Society, Ministry and Counsel invites each member to prepare a brief statement of his assessment of the state of the meetiing and send it to Miriam Zahradnik by 29 Februaary.

4/ Ministry and Counsel announced its readiness to serve as confidential counselors on personal problems. The meeting felt that this readniess should be announced quarterly in the Nwsletter, the names of the members to be included in the annoucements and that this notice should be posted on the bulletin board.

5. The Nominating Comittee was asked tp name a Friend to serve on the Quarterly Meeiing Nominating Committee.

66 The Yearly Meeting Peace Committee requested at least one overseer for the Peace Vigil in Boston on 12 April. Frances Crowe and Curtis Johnson were named subject to their availibity to serve.

7/ The Clerk's announcement that A grant of $2000 and a loan of $4000 from the Meeting-house Fund has been approved provoked considerable discussion about the speed with which construction on the new meetinghouse should proceed. The following conclusions received the approval of the meeting:

that the Finance Committee should send letters to members and attendees to inform them of this gift and to requests additional support for the annual amortization and interest fund (some $900 still being needed);

that the Building Committee direct the architect to prepare working drawings and make all preparations for building short of calling for bids;

that all confidently await the outcome of the search for addition commitments to the annual amortization and interest fund before taking the final decision to begin construction. (See note at end of minutes)

8. The meeting directed that Minute 521 of the Guilford Meeting be distributed with the meeting newsletter. This minute deals with the forwarding of contributions from monthly meetings to yearly- yearly meeting through quarterly meetings.

9. The ~~Clerk~~ Clerk was directed to prepare a minute of thanks for the grant and loan from the Meeting House Fund.

-. The following announcements were made:

Friends General Conference of UN 4-5 April
Robert Agard summarised the proceedings of the Quarterly Meetting of 2/3/63
Acknowledgement from the AFSC of the Christmas packages.

10. Mention was made of the value of making book shelves to the meeting and to the young ppople as an activity period occupation. Thhe First Day School Committee was directed to look into the matter of funds for materials.

-. The Meeting adjourned at 10:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert M. Agard

Robert M. Agard
Recording Clerk

Addendum to Minute 77:
The Meetinghouse Fund Committee suggested that the loans bear 4 o/o interest that and that repayment of the principle begin in six years at the rate of $500 annually plus interest.

MIDDLE CONNECTICUT VALLEY MEETING OF FRIENDS

MINUTES OF THE MEETING, 3/12/63

-/ The regular monthly meeting was held on 12 March 1963 at the Grange Hall in Amherst with 16 Friends present. During the opening meditation the clerk read the 7th Query.

1. The minutes of the meeting of 2/13/63 were read and approved.

-. Franklin and Ruth Pineo were welcomed as visitors.

2. Franklin Pineo spoke of plans for the 20th anniversary of the FCNL. It was agreed to sponsor a dinner in Amherst, preferably in November and to ask the Peace and Social Concerns Committee to make the necessary arrangements.

3. A traveling minute for John TeeWinkle for travel and teaching in Nigeria was approved.

-. The Religous Education Committee announced: that the Woolman Hill week-end is cancelled because the planning required is beyond the resources of the committee and the meeting; and that it prefers not to to use a portion of its budget for material for bookcases. The Agard, lent the needed bookcases.

4. The treasurer reported the the present operating budget still lacks $673 being subscribed; that $12,000 has been promised for the initial payment on the meetinghouse; and that $600 is still required for the annual amortization and interest fund. The meeting chose to proceed with the construction of the meeting house.

5. John Zahradnik, reporting for the Building Committee, recommended that the meeting search for another site for the meetinghouse and not attempt construction on the lot on Fearing Street and Sunset Ave. In this recommendation the architect concurs. The increased street noise to come from Fearing Street when it becomes an arterial by-pass for the University, the likelyhood that the creamery will be converted into a retaurant, and the need to use part of the lot for parking because of the anticipated parking ban on Fearing Street were the reasons leading to this recommendation. Robert Agard, Curtis Johnson, Trevor Robinson and Frances Crowe were appointed a committee to find and new site and the meet with the Building Committee before monthly meeting.

6. The offer of John and Miriam Zahradnik for a building site on their farm on Harkness Road was received with appreciation.

-. The meeting concluded at 10:20 pm.

Robert M. Agard

Robert M. Agard
Recording Clerk

MIDDLE CONNECTICUT VALLEY MEETING OF FRIENDS

MINUTES OF THE MEETING 4/10/63

-. The regular monthly meeting was held on 4/10/63 at 8 pm at the Amherst Grange with 21 Friends present. During the opening meditation the clerk read the 8th query.

1. The minutes of the meeting of 3/12/63 were read and approved.

-. The Treasurer reported as follows:

Balance of building fund:	$ 6325.27
Subscribed, current budget:	1827.56
Needed to meet budget:	462.44

2. The Report on the State of Society was read, discussed, and returned to Miriam Zahradnik and Margaret Holden to amend and prepare the final statement.

3. David and Julie Leonard and one of Agards (whoever attends) were appointed delegates to Quarterly Meeting to be held at New Haven on 5/5/63.

4. The application for membership of Leona Barron, forwarded from Ministry and Counsel with their endorsement, was approved.

5. Query was received from the Children's and Family Service of Hampshire County regarding the possibility of foster homes for aged persons needing temporary assistance, ~~was received~~. It was suggested that this need be announced in the bulletin.

6. Robert Agard, reporting for the Committee to Select a Site for the Meetinghouse, stated that the committee had investigated several locations of which the most promising were a lot on Pine Street near Sand Hill Road and East Pleasant St. the Kirley property, a house on two lots on North Pleasant St. at Fisher in North Amherst; part of the property owned by the Lutheran Church; the lot on Harkness Road, Pelham, offerred by the Zahradniks; and a house at 33 Sunset Ave. After an extended discussion, it was decided to call a special business meeting to continue the discussion at 7:45 pm on 3/24/63

7. Margaret Holden was named an overseer for the Boston Peace Vigil in place of Curtis Johnson, who was unable to serve.

-. Announcements: Support urgently needed for Bill to Abolish Capital Punishment now before the General Court; Family fun night at the Zahradniks, 5/25/63

Rspectfully submitted,

Robert M. Agard

~~Clerk~~

Recording Clerk

MIDDLE CONNECTICUT VALLEY MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

MINUTES OF CALLED MEETING, 3/24/63

-. The meeting convened at 7:45 pm on 3/24/63 at the Agard's on Lincoln Ave., Amherst, and opened with a period of meditation.

1. Robert Myers was named to the Quarterly Meeting Nominating Committee.

-. The need of representatives to Yearly Meeting was made known and the hope expressed that any planning to attend would inform the clerk.

2. The cordial thanks of the meeting was expressed to Ethel Dubois for the offer of a plot of ground near her home on Montague Road, Leverett, as a site for the meetinghouse

3. Robert Agard on behalf of the Committee to Select a Site for the Meetinghouse briefly summarised th e present state of the search, complicated by the discovery of new properties. The committee has eliminated from its consideration the house at 33 Sunset Ave., the lot on Pine Street, and a lot set from from North Pleasant Street between lot3 and 1039. The sale to a private party of one lot of the Pine Street plot makes the acquisition of this land extremely prejudicial to the interests of the new owners; the North Pleasant Street plot is too expersive - $25,000. There remain the gift properties of John and Miriam Zahradnik on Harkness Road and Ethel Dubois on Montague Road and the Kirley property on North Pleasant Street at Fisher. ~~The committee was inclined to favor the latter on gounds of location.~~ Frances Crowe described a lot on Amity Street on the Hadley-Amherst line, about which she was waiting momentarilly to hear. Robert Agard suggested the purchase of the Baptist Church on South Pleasamt Street. The discussion was extended - even protracted - with the following conclusions reached:

That the nominating should appoint a committee to study the nature of the meeting's ministry to students;
That Friedds should examine the Zahradnik's lots (another offer having been made) on Sunday;
And that the discussion continue at the next monthly meeting.

- The meeting concluded at 11:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert M. Agard

Robert M. Agard
Recording Clerk

MIDDLE CONNECTICUT VALLEY MEETING OF FRIENDS

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING, 5/8/63

-. The regular monthly meeting was held at 8 pm on 5/8/63 at the Amherst Grange with 12 Friends present. During the opening meditation the Clerk read the 9th Query. (increased by late arrivals to approximately 18)

1. The minutes of the regular meeting of 4/10/63 and of the called meeting of 4/24/63 were corrected.

-. Several announcements were made. Of particular interest was the news that Jill Holden has been awarded a regional scholarship to the Westtown School.

2. Approval was given to the request of Dorothy Byrner Platt for transfer of membership to the Germantown Monthly Meeting (Pa.), ~~was approved~~. This matter had the endorsement of Ministry and Counsel.

-/ The Treasurer reported that $111.37 still needs to be raised to meet the current operating budget. Later computation showed a large amount to be raised.

-/ Frances Crowe and Margaret Holden commented on the Good Friday Peace Vigil in Boston. There was a good group, and there seemed to be much sympathetic interest from the public.

-/ The Clerk read Helen Griffith's written report on Quarterly Meeting held at New Haven on 5/5/63. Of particular importance was the decision to hold the next quarterly meeting at Guilford at 9:30 am on Saturday.

3. It was agreed that during the summer months, i.e. 3d First Day in June to first First Day after Labor Day - to hold meeting for worship on First Days at 9:30 am.

4. It was agreed to omit the August monthly meeting unless urgent, unforseen business arises/

-/ A plea for a typist for the Newsletter resulted in Leonaa Barron volunteering.

5. It was agreed to omit fellowship dinner in May.

6. Comments indicated the desirablity of a regular schedule of baby sitters for the summer meetings for worship.

6/ The attention of the meeting then focused on the question of the site for the meetinghouse. Robert Agard indicated that the Amity Street lot was not really desirable, since the university planned to acquire it. Expression was clearly voiced against any futher consideration of the Sunset Avenue lot. The decision, then , had to be made between the Parkness Road lot offered by the Zahradniks and the Montague Road lot offered by Ethel Dubois. The meeting concluded to accept the offer of Ethel Dubois/

7/ The Trustees were instructed to take the proper steps to acquire title to this lot.

8. The Building Committee was instructed to proceed with construction plans.

9. A letter from William Scott to the ~~Clerk~~ Newsletter Editor which requested transfer of was read, ~~Some doubt as to the intent of the two letters was expressed but authority was given to the Clerk to transfer William Scott's membership to the Reno-Sparks Meeting (Rev.)~~ This was granted.

-/ The meeting adjourned at 10:50 pm.

Robert M. Agard
Recording Clerk

Middle Connecticut Valley Monthly Meeting of Friends

Annual Report of the Clothing Committee

June 1963

During the past year ~~[illegible]~~ 3086 pounds of used clothing and blankets were sent to the AFSC in Philadelphia for distribution. The majority of this material will probably be used in the Algerian Resettlement Program; and 92 pounds of the total represents blankets collected in a special Algerian relief drive sponsored by the Amherst Council of Churches. The Committee wishes to express its thanks to H. F. Gannon Freight Forwarders of Holyoke, Mass. for providing free transportation to Philadelphia.

Respectfully submitted,

Trevor Robinson

Trevor Robinson

(copy sent to H. F. Gannon)

Mrs. Julia Ely

Report of Newsletter Committee June 12, 1963

Ten issues of the Newsletter were published during the year ending May 31, 1963, one issue being designated as "June-July" and another "August-September".

Total cost for stencils, mimeographing and mailing was $192.93, against a budget of $120.00. Since costs are not likely to decrease unless someone is able to volunteer the mimeographing, we recommend that $200.00 be budgeted for the present fiscal year.

Laura Robinson has typed all stencils, Mary Kentfield has addressed envelopes, Ann, Ellen and Jennie Agard, Rosalind Clark, Glenn and Flora Johnson have stuffed envelopes, Helen Griffith as Editor Emeritus has been a source of good counsel, and Tom Crowe has kept the bills paid. We appreciate their good help and the cooperative spirit in which it has been given.

Gladys and Robert M. Myers

The committee on Peace and Social Concerns took an active part in the Peace Vigil our meeting held in Amherst, Nov. 3, 1962, in response to the Cuban crisis.

Concern was expressed over the plight of patients in the State Mental Hospital who cannot be released because there is no one to give them jobs and to sponsor them. At the present time there did not seem to be resources within our our meeting to meet this need.

The committee felt that our meeting should have a program of jail visitation. Such a program was not set up, primarily due to lack of sufficient effort on the part of the chairman. However, considerable preliminary work was done towards this end. There is clearly a pressing need for concerned individuals to initiate such a program in our Northampton jail.

Trudy Huntington

Attached is the leaflet printed (mineographed) for the November 3 vigil.

REPORT OF LIBRARY COMMITTEE for 1962-63

MCVMMF, June 12,1963

This year has been a year of trasition,discomfort, and relative inaction for the Library Committee. On August 12th, though we did not know it, we spent our last workday at Sherwood Friends Center. When it later developed that the furnace there needed expensive repairs, its use had to be given up and as the family in the adjacent house was leaving, the road in would not be kept open. These decisions meant that our library must be removed before the snows came. So in November five helpful meeting members at different times packed the books in boxes and deposited them in a member's house until a place could be found with plenty of shelves to make the books once more available. The Zahradniks offered their parlor; others found and fitted in adequate shelving. On December 11th the Committee was able to meet, unpack, and ashelve the books. Mary Hussey's metal file was still in Sherwood and could not be retrieved until the snows were melted. But by March??nd that also had been brought to the Zahradniks and a sketchy beginning made in setting up the vertical file. There is much work still to be done on both file and books.

Thirty items, books and pamphlets,,have been added to the library and fifty-four hours of committee members' time expended. $14.20 were spent on library supplies. Two volumes of The Friend (London) and one of Friends Journal have been bound, the full bill not yet received. We now have all eight volumes of the Friends JOURNAL and four of the London Friend.

During the year a suggestion came to the Committee from [illegible]. Dermois Holmes proposed making our library a repository of Meeting newsletters and other such ephemera of Friends' meetings in this country and abroad, At the Business meeting where the suggestion the latter was read and discussed, it was decided to wait until the return of its sponsor and his fuller presentation and explanation.

No report on the library is complete without mention of the great service rendered to us by the Member Book and Tract Committee of New England Yearly Meeting. This year the Committee made it possible for us to complete the four volumes of Quaker history written by William Braithwaite and Rufus Jones, The former, an Englishman, did the first two volumes, the latter the last two. The whole is a classic in its field. The library has received other valued gifts from members and attenders. Your committee hopes that an intention to enlarge the library will make you feel justified in buying new books on religious subjects that you want to read yourself which ultimately you will pass on to us.

The biggest problem the committee has had to deal with this year, and it begins to look like a long term problem , has not been in moving our books or getting new books, but in getting the books we have used. As you know, the attempt has been made to bring from time to time a few books and pamphlets to our mMeeting in the Grange Hall. Curtis Johnson built us a fine dis play shelf, for which we are very grateful, and Glenn Johnson faithfully lugs it upstairs every First Day and carries it down again to our closet in the basement. How many even look at the books? Very few, and fewer still take any of them out. Granted that physical conditions are against us. We usually get to Meeting only just in time for the service, and the half hour afterwards is hardly enough for visiting with one another, a fellowship very necessary since we come from widely scattered communities. We had originally thought of the present as just a transitional period to be lived through before we moved to a centrally located meeting house, accessible throughout the week. But now that we shall be farther away and have in consequence even less after-meeting time, must we not all of us put our minds to the problems of how to make our library of real service to members and attenders? The Committee will welcome suggestions.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Griffith, chairman

MIDDLE CONNECTICUT VALLEY MEETING OF FRIENDS

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING, 6/13/63

-. The regular monthly meeting was held at 8 pm on 6/13/63 at the Amherst Grange with 13 Friends present. The Clerk read the 1st Query during the opening period of meditation.

1. The minutes of the meeting of 5/8/63 were read and corrected.

2. The application for membership of Martin Stein, endorsed by the Meeting on Ministry and Counsel, was approved with the suggestion that his study of Friends principles and practises be continued.

-. Announcements of numerous conferences were made. Details may be obtained from the Clerk.

3. The offer of Frances Crowe to supervise the young people (to 9th grade) attending yearly meeting for this meeting was gratefully accepted.

4. A letter from Jack Walter, an attender from Amherst College, was read and his comments about the nature of the meeting and its program provoked extended discussion. The clerk was directed to acknowledge the letter and to ask for suggesttions as to how students might be integrated more effectively into the life of the meeting.

5. Minute 521 of the Guilford Meeting came before the meeting. In the absence of any ~~clear~~ positive understanding of the purport of the minute and its explanatory supplement, the meeting was able to reach no significant conclusions. The clerk ~~suggest-~~ interpreted the minute as a plea for greater control of fiscal matters at the monthly meeting level, even to the point of proposing a completely designated budget. While many members of the meeting regret the increasing complexity and size of our yearly meeting, these Friends did not feel that the proposals of Minute 521 were helpful. There appeared to be little dissatisfaction with the present control of yearly meeting.

6. The annual reports of the Treasurer and the Finance Committee, which are appended to these minutes, were presented. The following action was taken on these reports:

The budget, appended to these min utes, of $2495 was approved;
The taxes on the Sunset Avenue lot are to be paid from and included in the current operating budget;
Unexpended balances in certain accounts, chiefly the Library and religious education, are to be considered as reserve funds and the contingency fund dropped as a cumulative item.

-. The Trustees report that progress is being made in taking title to the land given for the meetinghouse.

-. The Building Committee had a model of the meetinghouse for inspection,

and reported that the following schedule appeared likely to be realized:

Revised preliminary drawings to be accepted at the July monthly meeting;
Cost estimates to be presented at the July meeting;
The above to be approved at this meeting;
Working drawings to be presented and approved by the September meeting;
Construction to start by the end of September and the building to be enclosed before the onset of bad weath.

7. Ethel Dubois was named to the nominating committee.

-. It was announced that the final meeting for worship at the Sherwood Friends Center would be held next first day at 10 am (6/16)

Robert M. Agard

Robert M. Agard
Recording Clerk

At its meeting on June 20, 1963, at the home of Thomas Crowe in Northampton, the Trustees of the Middle Connecticut Valley Monthly Meeting of Friends, named Thomas Crowe to expedite appraisel and financial matters, and John Zahradnik to expedite land survey, water rights, and legal matters, and to take whatever action necessary to complete the purchase and title transfer of a parcel of land for Meeting House purposes from Ethel Dubois, Long Plain Road, Leverett, Massachusetts.

J. W. Zahradnik

J. W. Zahradnik,
Secretary Pro Tem

JWZ:maw

At the meeting on June 20, 1963, at the home of Thomas Crowe in Northampton, the Trustees of the Middle Connecticut Valley Water Company, Inc., met to consider the application and financial matters, and to take whatever action necessary to complete the purchase and title transfer of a parcel of land for Meeting House purposes from Ethel Dubois, Long Plain Road, Leverett, Massachusetts.

J. W. Bauradais,
Secretary Pro Tem

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J. W. Zahradnik,
Secretary Pro Tem

JWZ:maw

At the meeting on June 23, 1913, at the home of Thomas Crowe in Northampton, the Trustees of the Middle Connecticut Valley Forest Society of Friends, named Thomas Crowe to negotiate options and financial matters, and John Bancroft to investigate land matters, water rights, and legal matters, and to take whatever action necessary to complete the purchase and title transfer of a parcel of land for Meeting House purposes from Ethel Brooks, Long Plain Road, Leverett, Massachusetts.

A. W. Kenworthy,
Secretary pro Tem

I, Ethel DuBois,

of Leverett, Franklin County, Massachusetts,

being unmarried, for consideration paid, grant to The Trustees of Middle Connecticut Valley Monthly Meeting of Friends, a body corporate under the provisions of Section 10 of Chapter 68 of the General Laws,

of

with warranty covenants

the land in said Leverett, bounded and described as follows, viz:

PARCEL A. Beginning at the southwest corner of the parcel herein described at the center line of a stone wall which is 30.12 feet northwesterly from an iron pin set in the northerly boundary of Massachusetts Highway Route 63; thence north 48° 4' west 396 feet along other land of the grantor to a set iron pin near a dead tree; thence north 33° 20' east along other land of the grantor 181.50 feet to a set iron pin; thence north 56° 14' 50" east along other land of the grantor 244.84 feet to a set iron pin; thence south 26° 11' 20" east 385 feet along other land of the grantor to a point in the Old County Highway line; thence south 60° 30' west 22.28 feet along parcel B hereinafter described to a point in the stone wall; thence south 43° 29' west 252.46 feet along said wall and parcel B hereinafter described to the place of beginning.

PARCEL B. Beginning at a set iron pin in the north line of Massachusetts Route 63; thence north 48° 04' west 30.12 feet to a point in the center line of a wall, which point is the southwest corner of parcel A above described; thence north 43° 29' east 252.46 feet along parcel A to a point in the wall, which point is also supposed to be in the line of the Old County Highway layout; thence north 60° 30' east 22.28 feet along parcel A and along said Old County Highway line to a point which is the southeast corner of Parcel A; thence south 26° 11' 20"east 43.05 feet to a set iron pin in the northerly line of Massachusetts Route 63; thence south 47° 22' 16" west 258.37 feet along the northerly line of Route 63 to the place of beginning.

The above parcels are part of the land conveyed to the grantor by deed of Stella L. Ingram dated June 28, 1943, recorded in Franklin County Registry of Deeds, Book 867, Page 234.

Said parcels are shown on a plan of land in Leverett, Massachusetts surveyed for The Middle Connecticut Valley Monthly Meeting of Friends by Gordon E. Ainsworth and Associates to be filed in the Franklin County Registry of Deeds.

This conveyance is made subject to a claim of ownership by Robert J. Raskevitz and Mary J. Raskevitz to that part of Parcel A and Parcel B which lies within the description of the second parcel described in deed from Paul E. Leskinen and Barbara M. Leskinen to Robert J. Raskevitz and Nancy J. Raskevitz dated June 11, 1962, and recorded in the Franklin County Registry of Deeds, Book 1139, Page 133. Said claim of ownership covers a small triangular tract about 30 feet in length lying at the southeast corner of the tract and a small wedged shaped tract about 30 feet in width lying at the easterly end of Parcel B. This claim is denied by the grantor.

The grantor is retaining ownership to a strip of land approximately 50 feet in width abutting the easterly boundary of the premises hereby conveyed to furnish ingress and egress to other land of the grantor lying northerly and easterly of the premises hereby conveyed. In the event that the grantor is deprived of access to said 50 foot strip from Massachusetts Route 63, then the grantor reserves a right of way over the southeasterly portion of the property hereby conveyed for the purpose of ingress and egress to said 50 foot strip of land above mentioned.

The grantor also conveys to the grantee the right to take water from the water supply available at her dwelling and for that purpose to connect its water pipes to her aqueduct and place a surge tank in the cellar of her dwelling and lay and maintain a suitable water pipe from the dwelling of the grantor to the granted premises, said aqueduct to be located in the vicinity of the stone wall along the southerly part of the grantor's premises, the exact location thereof to be determined by agreement of the parties. The grantor reserves the right to terminate this easement to connect to her water supply and to take water therefrom in the event that at any time the available water supply is insufficient for the domestic use of the occupants of the dwelling in which her residence is situated.

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July 25, 1963

OUR FILE NO. _____

The Middle Connecticut Valley Monthly Meeting of Friends,
Amherst, Massachusetts.

Re: Conveyance from Ethel DuBois

Gentlemen:

I have examined the records in the Registry of Deeds with relation to record title to the parcels of land described in deed from Ethel DuBois to The Trustees of Middle Connecticut Valley Monthly Meeting of Friends, which parcels are shown on plan prepared by Gordon E. Ainsworth and Associates for you.

Ethel DuBois has made no conveyance which affects these tracts since she acquired the property by deed from Stella L. Ingram dated June 28, 1943, recorded with Franklin County Deeds, Book 867, Page 234. A strip of land, presumably consisting of the greater part of parcel B, was formerly a part of the Old County Highway Layout before State Highway Route 63 was laid out. The County Commissioners have, upon petition and after hearing, abandoned to the abutters the land lying between the southerly boundary line of the property owners and the northerly boundary line of Route 63. It would appear, therefore, that Miss DuBois' title to that part of Parcel B which was formerly within the Old County Highway Layout is good and marketable.

A peculiar situation has arisen with regard to a small parcel of land which lies at the southeast corner of the two parcels south of the stone wall, that is, between the stone wall and Route 63. The Old County Layout apparently intersected the stone wall at a point about 22 feet west of the easterly boundary line of tracts A and B. When Miss DuBois bought this property the land lying immediately east of the 50 foot strip which she is retaining was owned by one

Steve Swatkawski. Mr. Swatkawski sold the property in 1946 to a gentleman by the name of Maurice Landers. Landers apparently had a survey made by one Russell Snow and for some inconceivable reason Snow assumed as a fact that the boundary line between the Landers property and the DuBois property followed the stone wall not only as it ran north and south but as it ran east and west down in the area just north of the Old County Highway Layout. In other words, he presumably proceeded on the assumption that Miss DuBois did not own the triangular tract which lies between the stone wall as it runs westerly from the corner and the line of the Old County Highway. He therefore adopted the position that when the Old County Highway was discontinued and Route 63 established, the land lying south of the Old County Highway north line and the north line of Route 63 reverted to Landers because Landers owned the triangular strip lying between the stone wall and the north line of the Old County Highway. There is a plan of this wedged shaped tract prepared by Snow and filed with Franklin County Deeds, Plan Book 6, Page 11.

Landers sold the property to Robert T. and Kate B. Weatherbee on September 23, 1947. In this transaction he gave two deeds. He gave a warranty deed of the property which he owned and which lies easterly of Miss DuBois' land, and gave a quitclaim deed of the wedged shaped tract which Snow surveyed on the assumption that it belonged to Landers.

When the Weatherbees sold the property they also transferred it by two deeds, but since that time there have been several conveyances and both tracts, that is, the one actually owned originally by Swatkawski and the one which Mr. Snow, the surveyor, concocted, have been included in one warranty deed and both have been included in bank mortgages.

The present owners are Robert J. and Nancy J. Raskevitz. The property was conveyed to them by Paul Leskinen and wife on June 11, 1962. Their position is that they have a deed of this wedged shaped tract and are claiming ownership of it.

It is my opinion from the research of the records which I have been able to do so far that the claim of ownership by Mr. and Mrs. Raskevitz and their predecessors in title back to Landers is unfounded and invalid. The description of the DuBois property as contained in the deed from Stella Ingram to her and in prior deeds is by metes and bounds. The easterly boundary abutting the former Swatkawski land runs in a straight line to the County Highway. It does not come to the corner of the wall and turn an angle to the west. . . . In other words, Miss DuBois is the owner of the triangular tract lying between the wall as it runs east and west and the Old County Highway line. Therefore, when the Old County Highway was abandoned she acquired title to the land north of Route 63 which had formerly been a part of the Old County Highway Layout. There

is nothing I can find in any of the deeds affecting the former Swatkawski property which supports the assumptions of the surveyor, Russell Snow, in the slightest degree. Deeds of the Swatkawski property are simply bounded on the west by Ingram, now DuBois. It is my opinion that by appropriate court proceedings a decree can be obtained which will establish Miss DuBois' ownership of the tract in question. In the meantime, however, the deeds held by Mr. and Mrs. Raskevitz and their predecessors in title constitute a cloud upon Miss DuBois' record title to the parcel in question. Miss DuBois has authorized me to take necessary steps to eliminate this cloud on her title and establish complete ownership in her.

I have included the questionable parcel in the description of Tracts A and B according to the Ainsworth plan. The deed, however, must be made subject to the outstanding claim until it is eliminated.

Otherwise it is my opinion that Miss DuBois has a good and marketable title in Tracts A and B as described in your deed. I have not checked with the Tax Collector to see that the 1962 taxes have been paid but I am quite certain that they have been.

Yours very truly,

Joseph T. Bartlett

jtb/rsf

MIDDLE CONNECTICUT VALLEY MEETING OF FRIENDS

MINUTES OF MEETING 9/11/63

-. The regular monthly meeting was held on 9/11/63 in the Grange Hall in Amherst at 7:45 pm with 18 Friends present. During the period of meditation the clerk read the 3rd Query.

1. The Minutes of the meeting of 7/10/63 were read and approved.

2. The following Committee on Arrangements for Quarterly Meeting was apointed: Ethel Dubois, Gladys Myers, Philip Woodbridge, and Frances Crowe, convenor. A length discussion regarding the place and significance of quarterly meeting followed, and this topic was commended to the committee. The Clerk reported that he has reserved the Peoples' Institute for Sunday, 10/6. thereby settling the question of a Saturday or Sunday meeting.

3. In answer to a query from Quarterly Meeting regarding the recording of ministers, this meeting wishes to follow the practise prescribed in the yearly meeting discipline.

4. The following were appointed representatives of Quarterly Meeting: Trevor Robinson, Fritz Kaufhold, Miriam Zahradniik.

5. The following plans were approved for the opening of the hall for meeting: Leone Barron or Bob Agard to turn on th furnace; members in rotstion to arrange chairs, set up books, etc., on a schedule to be determined by the clerk.

6. The Committee on Relations with the Grange was asked to seek better storage facilities/

7. Discussion of the AFSC Alumni Reunion proposed by Joseph and Teresina Havens was resulted in the naming of thhe following Friends to assist in arrangements: ~~eone~~ David or Marggaret Holden; Martin Stein, Bruce Hawkins, Teddy Harlar, John Zahradnik. The date of 9/29 was tentstively set.

8. A discussion of sending the Friends Journal to young friends attending boarding school or college resulted in the conslusion that the NEWSLETTER of the Young Friends Committee of North American was more appropriate.

-. There was considerable discussion of publicity. Teddy Marlar agreed to preppare stories ~~of t-~~ from the GAZETTE from material supplied to her.. Advertising in the FRIENDS JOURNAL was deemed too expensive.

9. Note was made of the need for a more regila ly organized adult discussion group. Bruce Hawkins agreed to lead a series of discussion of race relations/

10. Philip Woodbridge inquired as to any interestin in mooving and preserving Sherwood's Friends Center Meeting House.

-/ After a period of meditation the meeting adjoourned at 10:25 pm.

Robert M. Agard

Robert M. Agard
Recording Clerk

[illegible] COMMITTEE OF [illegible]

MINUTES OF MEETING 9/11/53

1. The regular monthly meeting was held on 9/11/53 in the Grange Hall in Ann at 8 [illegible] with 15 [illegible] present. During the period of meditation the [illegible] the Grace.

2. The minutes of the meeting of 7/10/53 were read and approved.

3. The following Committee on Arrangements for Quarterly Meeting was [illegible]: [illegible], Alexis Evers, Philip Woodbridge, and Brenda Crowe, convenor. A [illegible] discussion regarding the place and [illegible] of quarterly meeting followed, and it is to be [illegible] as to the [illegible]. The Clerk reported that he has received the Yearly Meeting [illegible] for Sunday, 10/6. thereby settling the question of a [illegible] or Sunday meeting.

4. In answer to a query from Quarterly Meeting regarding the [illegible] of militarism, this meeting wishes to [illegible] the practical [illegible] in the yearly meeting discussion.

5. The following were appointed representatives of Quarterly Meeting: Trevor Wolfgram, [illegible].

6. The following [illegible] were approved for the opening of the hall for meeting: Lorraine Barron or Bob Agard to [illegible] the Grange members in rotation to arrange chairs, [illegible] up books, etc., or a schedule to be determined by the clerk.

7. The Committee on Relations with the Grange was asked to seek better storage [illegible].

8. Discussion of the A.F.S.C. Summer Session proposed by Joseph and Veronika Havens was [illegible] to the meeting with [illegible] to assist [illegible]. [illegible] or Wayne Hudson; Martin Steib, Bruce & Howkins, Teddy Mercier, John Andrasik. [illegible] of $75 was considered adequate.

9. A discussion of sending the [illegible] to Young Friends Attending Summer [illegible] or college resulted in the consensus that the [illegible] of the Young Friends Committee on North America was more appropriate.

10. [illegible] was considerable discussion of publicity. Teddy Mercier agreed to prepare [illegible]. [illegible] from the Central Committee for [illegible]. [illegible] of the [illegible] ROAE was deemed too expensive.

11. [illegible] was agreed to lead a series of discussion on [illegible] relations.

12. Philip Woodbridge reported as to any interest in meeting and preserving the [illegible].

13. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:25 pm.

MIDDLE CONNECTICUT VALLEY MEETING OF FRIENDS

Minutes of a Called Meeting, 9/25/63

A called meeting convened at the Grange Hall in Amherst at 7:45 pm on 9/25/63, with 22 Friends present. The items on the agenda were the approval of Friends to serve on the Committee to Develop a Student Program and approval to the final drawings for the meetinghouse and attendant matters.

1. The Nominating Committee brought forward the following names of Friends to serve on the Committee to Develop a Student Program: Trevor Robinson, convenor, Joseph Havens, Michael Rice, Julie Leonard, and John Zahradnik. The committee was empowered to "co-opt" Martin Stein and other students.

-. The Trustees reported that they had signed four $500 notes in favor of Ethel Dubois in consideration of the gift of the land for the meetinghouse. These notes are to be forgiven as they fall due beginning in 1965. These notes represent a fair appraisal of the land and are for tax purposes and are not a mortgage. It was also reported that the deed contains and easement which ensures that the meeting will have access to Ethel Dubois' water supply.

2. Should the Meeting ever wish to dispose of the land and the meetinghouse, the Trustees recommend that Ethel Dubois be consulted and that the meeting seek to protect her best interests. This recommendation was approved.

-. The Trustees further reported that they had taken title to the land on the westerly side of Long Plain Road in Leverett on behalf of the meeting, that all taints upon the title had been cleared, and that all legal matters were in order.

-.The Building Committee introduced the discussion of the final plans with the recommendation that the Meeting proceed with the construction of the meetinghouse as designed by Elroy Webber and Associates as way may open. It was agreed that cupboards be installed in the place of the lower bookshelves in the library and that the shelf space so lost be regained by the installation of additional shelves at the end of the room. Proposals to have plants in the corners of the room for meeting for worship provoked an extended and varied discussion; it was concluded to ask to architect to included moveable cpntainers for the plants. Other matters mentioned as of interest to Friends included junior size facilities, office and storage space for records, a fenced play area connected to the meetinghouse, acoustical tile, a basement for water supply equipment and tool storage, a wood floor for the meeting room, vinyl asbestos tile in the rest of the building, electric heat, no panic bars of the main doors and no glass doors. The architect has designed a suitable tool-shed for subsequent construction. The cost estimate is $70,000 inclusive of architects fees but exclusive of furnishings. The committee expressed the hope that some savings might be achieved notably in the water supply.

-. The Finance Committee presented the following report regarding the financing of the meetinghouse:

a.. Suffient funds for the downpayment:

Committments	$11,055
Loan, Friend- Greenfield Prep, Meeting	4,000
Loan, Meetinghouse Fund	2,000
Giftt "	4,000
	21,055

30 o/o of 70,000 is 21,000, required downpayment for 25 year mortgage.

b. Amortization fund:

Committments:	$2701
Payments	
annual → Interest & amortization	$3501
M eetinghouse Fund	160
	3670
Deficit annual	~~$~~ 969

3. Although $1000 must be raised for the amortization and interest payments and provision must be made for the purchase of furnishings, the Meeting concluded that these obligations can be met and that the Building Committee should call for bids and proceed with constructions as expeditiously as possible.

4. The present Building Committee was asked to continue to surpervise, in conjuctions with the architects, the construction of the meetinghouse.

5. Approval was given to the suggestion of the Building Committee that members of the meeting cooperate in painting the clapboard siding for the meetinghouse.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert M. Agard

Robert M. Agard
Recording Clerk

MIDDLE CONNECTICUT VALLEY MEETING OF FRIENDS

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting, 10/9/63.

-. The regular monthly meeting was held at 7:45 pm on 10/9/63 in the Grange Hall in Amherst with 16 Friends present. During the opening meditation the Query was read.

1. Minutes of the called meeting of 9/25/63 were approved as corrected, the correct reading of Minute #1 precipitating an extended discussion. It was finally agreed that the Committee to Develop a Student Program should concentrate on recommendations for a long-range program, but that it might institute some interim, experimental activities. The comment was made that as a new committee, this group should report fully and carefully to monthly meeting as a program develops.

2. The minutes of the meeting of 9/11/63 were read, corrected and approved.

-. Frances and Becky Holmes returned with endorsements their traveling minute and explained that their so-journing minute had been retained by the meeting in Holland to which it had been presented. Philip Woodbridge recounted his failure to find the meetinghouse is Paris on Easter Sunday.

3. The recommendation of the Nominating Committee that Phyllis Agard be named to the vacancy on Ministry and Counsel caused by the resignation of Miriam Zahradnik was approved.

-. Reports and announcements made include:

From Quarterly Meeting that the recording of ministers was discussed at length in Ministry and Counsel; that reports on the state of society are to be made by monthly meetings every other year, with ppp this meeting reporting in 1964; that funds are being sought by Yearly Meeting to support a youth worker; and that the discussion type of program as planned for this past quarterly meeting received favorable comment.

From Joseph Haven that the AFSC picnic was successfully heald with about 14 students and 14 members present and that this should be an annual event.

From John and Miriam Zahradnik, an invitation to join visitors from Beacon Hill Friends House for wood chopping and square dancing on 10/12/63.

4. The clerk was asked to bring to next monthly meeting a new minute of reply to Minute 521 of the Guilford Meeting. It was felt that Friends had acheived a fuller understanding the the concern expressed in Guilford meeting since this meetings discussion on 6/13/63.

5. Letters from Benjamin and Matthew Page requesting janitorial and grounds work at the new meeting house were received. The clerk was directed to reply saying that our needs for these services were not now clear but that the applications would be kept on file.

TO BE CONSTITUTED VALLEY AREA TWP. OF NEWARK

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting, 12/3/63.

-. The regular monthly meeting was held at 7:15 pm on 12/3/63 in the Grange Hall in Hanover with 12 Trustees present. Minutes of preceding meeting were read.

1. Minutes of ## called meeting of 9/29/63 were approved as corrected.

2. The minutes of the meeting of 11/6/63 were read, corrected and approved.

-. Claims and Orders returned with endorsements that drawing checks in payment thereof were duly authorized by Township Trustees had been complied with in so far as it had been presented. Public Accountant was instructed to file the certificate in Books on Chester Township.

3. The recommendation of the Planning Committee that T. Hills Road be named to the vacancy on Vicinity and Council created by the resignation of William Strahl was approved.

-. Reports and announcements made include:

Tom Quarrey reporting that the township of Westhaven was planning at Lenith in Ministry and Tonnesi; that reports on the state of society was to be made by monthly meetings every other year, with pop tax reporting required in 1964. Most trucks were broken down, with pop tax reporting and that the discussion type of program be planned for this past quarter's received favorable comment.

From Joseph Baran that the AFSC plants was successfully held with down Ja audubons and 14 members present and that this would be an annual event.

From John and Miriam Zaremski, an invitation to join with Second Hill Friends House for wood chopping and supper meeting on Ja/24/64.

4. The clerk was asked to bring to next monthly meeting a resolution of regular procedure for the meeting. It was felt that a full meeting a full moderator during the consent agenda with meeting discussion on 6/10/64.

-. Letters from Township at Survey/High Improvement Project, and Notice of the new meeting dates were received. The clerk was directed to notify anyone that was made for these meetings.

-. YThe Committee on Arrangements for the FCNL Banquet announced that Howard Zinn will be the speaker and requested help in addressing invitations. It was suggested that this might be a First Day School acivity.

6. In reply to the ~~reue~~ request for a contribution from the Amherst Council of Churches, the clerk was directed to send a $10 contribution and to express the interest of the meeting in the acivities of the council. The regular council meetings conflict with monthly meeting.

7. Bruce Hawkings, in reporting for the Religious Education Committee, called attention to the new First Day School schedule and read a lengthy minute about the purppses of the First Day School. Discussion of this committee minute was postposned until it has been published in the Newsletter.

8. The Building Committee reported its inability to bring bids on the meeting-house to the meeting for considerations. It appears that 10/22 is the earliest date on which bids may be received. Therefore, it recommendes a called meetin at 7 :45 pm in the Grange Hall on 10/23/63. It further recommends that the Finance Committee advance mortgage negotiations as rapidly as possible. These recommendations were approved.

9. The Holiday schedule has resulted in changing the dates of Meeting on Ministry and Council in November and December. It was decided to have fellowship dinner on Christmas Sunday.

-. Philip Woodbridge announced that the Greenfield Preparative Meeting has decided not to re-purchase that Sherwood Friends Center building.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert M. Agard

Robert M. Agard
Recording Clerk

Respectfully submitted,

Robert T. Jones
Recording Clerk

MIDDLE CONNECTICUT VALLEY MEETING OF FRIENDS

Minutes of the Called Meeting, 10/23/63

-. The called meeting held at 7:45 pm on 10/23/63 at the Amherst Grange opening with a period of meditation. ~~21 Frq- 12 Friends were present~~,

1. The Clerk announced a meeting in Hartford on 10/25 to discuss yearly meeting finances with prepresentatives of this quarterly meeting and of the yearly meeting finance committee. The clerk was asked for attend and to lay these matters before the meeting:
   The yearly meeting assesment should be base on the number of giving units in the meeting and not on the number of members.
   What is the responsibility of new meetings engaged in building meetinghouses to the financial requirements of the yearly meeting? Should this responsibility effect their assesment? increased
   This meeting would like to see an ~~higher~~ proportion of contributed funds assigned to the Friends General Conferences and a decreased proportion assigned to the Five Years Meeting.
   Concern was expressed about the custom of the yearly meeting of publishing the amounts contributed by monthly meetings and by individuals.

2. The following report of the treasurer was presented and accepted:

Balance in savings account	$ 461
Balance, regular budget, 6/1/63	125.83
Regular budget, 1963-64	2550.
To be raised	1648.
Building fund balance	$5166.70
Committed, down payment	$11,055
Amortization fund, 6/1/63	$ 627.50
" " paid in 6-10	447.50
Annual intentions to pay	3701

3. The Building Committee reported that the following bids had been received on the meetinghouse:

Philip Shumway	$79,018
	77,770
Anthony E. Conklin	70,400

and recommended that the low bid be accepted. The bid includes the complete building and $3000 allowance for benches, sink, refrigerator, folding chairs and furniture and $2500 for folding doors for the all-purpose room. It does not include the architects' fees. The low bid was accepted with the unserdtanding that construction was to begin within 10 days.

The following plan for finances was developed during the meeting:

Cost, meetinghouse,	$67,400
Architect	6,740
	$74,140

Minutes of the Called Meeting, 10/23/65

-. The called meeting held at 7:45 pm on 10/23/65 at the Auburn

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3. The Clerk announced a meeting in Hartford on 10/25 to discuss
The "pool" meeting agreement should be based on the
number of giving units in the meeting and not on
the number of members.
What is the responsibility of non-meeting members
building meetinghouses to the financial requirements
of the yearly meeting? Should this responsibility
affect their agreement? Increased
counselled funds available to the Friends General
Conference and a determined proportion assigned to
the Five Years Meeting.
Concern was expressed about the custom of the yearly meeting
of collecting the amounts contributed by monthly meetings
and by individuals.

5. The following reports of the treasurer was presented and accepted:

ance in savings account $ 451

Regular budget, 1952-64 2855.
To be raised 1248.

Building Fund balance $5268.70

Committed, down payment $11,065

Amortization fund, 6/1/65 $ 827.50
" " paid in 7-10 447.50
Annual intentions to pay 3701

. The Building Committee reported that the following bids had been
ceived on the meetinghouse:
Public Storage $23,012
72,720
Anthony E. Cowlin 70,400

and recommended that the low bid be accepted. The plan,
ever, requires the purchase of adjoining land.

Plans for the Vinacca was developed during the meeting:
house, $17,420
5,740
$24,160

Maximum mortgage	$~~21~~ 53,000
Minimum down payment	21,140
Annual carrying chages	3,930

Philip Woodbridge said that the trustees of the Greenfield Preparative Meeting have not yet recommended to that meeting what disposition sho uld be made of the funds received for the Sherwood Friends Center, but that it was likely that this money would be available for building purposes provided that it could become again quickly available to the Greenfield Meeting.

4. It was agreed to let the conrtact for the lightening rods independently of the main construction contract.

5. It was agreed to have a meeting for worship and a group breaking ceremony after fellowship dinner on 10/27.

-. It was suggested that the might be appropriate to change to name of the meeting for something briefer and more appropriate.

-. It was announced that Frances Crowe ~~was~~ would make arrangements for Thanksgiving at Woolman Hill, if Friends were interested in a group celebration.

-. The meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert M. Agard

Robert M. Agard
Recording Clerk

-. The meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert M. Ward
Recording Clerk

MIDDLE CONNECTICUT VALLEY MEETING OF FRIENDS

MINUTES OF THE MONHTLY MEETING, 10/13/63

1. The monthly meeting was held at the Grange Hall in Amherst on 10/13/63 at 7:45 pm with 8 Friends present.

1. The minutes of the meeting of 10/9/63 were read and approved.

2. The minutes of the meeting of 10/23/63 were read and corrected

3. Further discussion of the possibility of a change in the name of the meeting was deferred until the suggested new names could be listed in the Newsletter. Among the names suggested were: Mt. Toby, Long Plain, and Pioneer Valley. Hope was expressed that the meeting not become to involved in this questions particularly to the detriment of more significant matters.

-. It was announced that 18 individuals are planning a cooperative Thanksgiving at Woolman Hill.

-. The clerk reported on the meeting of 10/25/63 in Hartford on yearly meeting finances. As far as the particular concerns of this meeting were discussed, the following appears to be the state of affairs:

There was no conclusion as the on the matter of assessments and new meetings with special obligations;

It was indicated that assessments were a guide and not an obligation;

There was much sympathy for a fuller support of the Friends General Conference, but it was made clear that any change in the present allocations would be most difficult to effect and would need to be changed by Friends of somewhat different persuasion on the Finance Committee;

The publicity given names of contributors to the yearly meeting was deemed helpful.

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-. The groundbaking ceremony was held after the fellowship dinner on 10/27/63. The day was beautiful; there was a good representation of meeting families; and in a fruitful meeting for worship hope was expressed that the meetinghouse would be an instrument of service. All present from the youngest to the eldest then help turn the earth.

4. The report of the Student Outreach Committee was received and accepted after discussion. Its suggestion that one adult discussion group program each much be set devoyed to Friends' beliefs was approved; the fourth Sunday was selected for this program. The committee's recommendation that the meetings obligations to student-cou was the responsibility of the whole membership and should be laid up the Friends by means of a query was accepted at the committee instructed to prepare a query. Although there was general approval for the report some concern was

[illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible], 19[illegible]

4. The monthly meeting was held at Mr. Jones' mill in [illegible] 19[illegible]

[illegible] 7:00 p.m. with a [illegible] present.

1. The minutes of the meeting of 19[illegible] were read and approved.

2. The minutes of the meeting of 19[illegible] were read and [illegible].

3. Further discussion of the possibility of a change in the [illegible] of the meeting until the proposed new venue could be listed in the [illegible]. Among the names suggested were: Mr. Toby, Long Plain, and Winder Valley. It was decided that the meeting not be held in this [illegible] in the interest of a more convenient [illegible].

- It was announced that Dr [illegible] are planning a [illegible] [illegible] at Welton Hall.

- The client fees on the meeting of 19[illegible] at the Metford [illegible] Lounge. As far as the [illegible] concerned a [illegible] were [illegible]. The following [illegible] to be used at all [illegible]:

  [illegible] no connection [illegible] -- on the matter of [illegible]
  [illegible] new meetings with [illegible] [illegible];
  [illegible] was instead of [illegible] [illegible] and not [illegible]
  [illegible];
  There was much [illegible] for a fuller account of [illegible]
  Personal Conference, but it was made clear [illegible]
  charge in the present allocation would be [illegible]
  to effect any [illegible] [illegible] by Friends of
  [illegible] different [illegible] or the [illegible] [illegible];
  The publicity given [illegible] of central [illegible] the [illegible] meeting
  was damned by [illegible].

- The [illegible] ceremony was held after the [illegible] dinner on 19[illegible]. The day was beautiful; there was a good [illegible] of meeting [illegible]; and in a fruitful meeting for worship [illegible] was expressed that the [illegible] be seen instrument of service. All present [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] turn the event.

- The report of the Student Aid [illegible] was received and [illegible] for discussion. Its suggestion that [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to Friends' Hostels was approved; the Quarterly was [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible]. The Committee's recommendation that the meeting [illegible] to [illegible] the responsibility of the Welfare Committee and should be [illegible] by means of a query was minuted at the Committee [illegible] to [illegible]. Although there was [illegible] approval for the [illegible] [illegible]

expressed over its implementation.

5. The request from Ministry and Counsel that the meeting find more ways for young people and college students to participate in the life of the meeting came under discussion. It was suggested that committees take this into consideration in scheduling meetings and bear in mind that most young people are too busy to attend committee meetings on ~~week~~ Mondays through Thursdays. It was agreed to postpone any change in the time of monthly meeting until we occupiy the new meetinghouse. It was suggested that the following committees should invite young people to attend their meetings regularly: Clothing, Building, ~~Fir~~ Hospitality, Library, Peace and Social Concerns, and Religious Education.

6. The following minute ~~prepar~~ of reply to Minute 521 of the Guilford Meeting was prepared and read by the clerk and approved by the meeting:

> Minute 521 of the Guilford Meeting came before the meeting. It is now our uuderstanding that the Guilford Friends feel that monthly meetings should forward tp Yearly Meeting whatever sum they are concerned to send and that Yearly Meeting should develop its budget after this money is received, the budget being limited to the amount received from monthly meetings. Our meeting is sympath etic to the concern from which Minute 521 grew but does not feel that proposal is feasable or advisable. Any on-going program must make its needs know to insure continuing support. This meeting suggests as the alternative approach of more active meeting participation in Yearly Meeting and its Finance Committee by this Quarterly Meeting as being both more effective and more acceptable.

7. The issuing of a one page supplement to bring the Directory up to date was approved. This will be including in a regular issue of the Newsletter.

8. The Building Committee was asked to undertake an investigation of furniture needs, particularly the purchase of folding chairs and tables to meet the first need of this type of furniture. Mention was made of the desirab ility of carpet for the meeting room.

-. These announcements were made:

A Civil Rights conference at Woolman Hill, 11/15 - 17/63
A hi Connecticut Valley high schhol conference on 11/23/63 sponsored by the WILPF,
An AFSC conference on Racial Barriers in the Urban North in Cambridge on 11/23/63.
The statement of intentions to contribute are now $640 short for the down payment and $255 short on the annual charges.
Payments of the ~~above~~ intentions are now needed down-payment

9. The trustess were asked to investigate the need for construction insurance.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert M. Agard

Robert M. Agard
Recording Clerk

[illegible] over its jurisdiction.

[illegible] from Library Journal [illegible] ing [illegible] for young people [illegible] in the [illegible] ing [illegible] ion. It is suggested that [illegible] this [illegible] meeting [illegible] and [illegible] ing [illegible] ion [illegible] ing [illegible] ing [illegible] ing

Report of Student Outreach Committee to Monthly Meeting
November 1963

Two meetings were held by this committee on October 8 and 15 with two students present at the first meeting and 8 at the second.

Out of these two meetings the general feeling developed that rather than recommending the establishment of any separate student program we would favor the integration of students into all activities of the Meeting. All the students consulted expressed this feeling very strongly, saying that Quakers can offer a deep kind of fellowship with adults which existing student organizations do not provide. It is clearly of great importance to the student attenders of our Meeting to develop continuing informal relationships with members of the Meeting on an individual, personal basis. The committee believes that members of the Meeting also desire this kind of relationship with students and urges that it be widened and deepened wherever possible. We believe that success of the Meeting's student outreach will depend on this approach more than on any formal program which might be developed.

The committee concluded that enlargement of present contacts with students would be accomplished in a most effective and natural way by depending on those students who are already related to the Meeting to publicize the Meeting to other students and introduce new students to the Meeting. A student was appointed from each of the four colleges to serve as a channel of communication between the Meeting and the student populations. These appointments are:

University of Massachusetts,	Martin Stein
Smith College,	Katrina Dyke
Amherst College,	Al Furtwangler
Mt. Holyoke College,	Vicki Baker

More specifically, the committee recommends that the Meeting encourage student participation in such activities as helping with fellowship lunches, participation in projects which may be initiated in the area of peace and social concerns, attendance at business meetings, and work on the construction of the new meeting house. Students indicated their eagerness to become closer to Meeting members through these kinds of involvement.

Finally, the committee recommends that opportunity be provided for acquainting newcomers to Meeting (including students but others as well) with the fundamental beliefs of Quakers. One possible way of doing this might be to devote the adult discussion group to such topics on a regular basis of perhaps one Sunday per month. The committee suggests that the fellowship lunch Sundays would be appropriate for these discussions.

Trevor Robinson, Convener

MIDDLE CONNECTICUT VALLEY MEETING OF FRIENDS

Minutes of the Meeting 12/11/63

-. The regular monhtly meeting was held at 7:45 pm at the Grange Hall in Amherst with 12 Friends present. During the opening meditation the clerk read the 4th Query.

1. The minutes of the meeting of 11/13/63 were approved with instructions to the Recording Clerk to check with the treasurer the amount reported as being needed to meet the initial downpayment.

2. The application for membership of Joseph and Teresina Havens, which has the endorsement of Ministry and Counsel, was approved as a transfer of membership from the Twin Cities Meeting. Associate membership for Lucia and Wilfrid Havens was also granted. A joyful welcome was extended to the Havenses. The Clerks was directed to correspond with the clerk of the Twin Cities Meeting regarding the transfer.

3. The recommendation of Ministry and Counsel that an advancement committee be appointed to let people know of the existence of Friends and to welcome seekers and to encourage them to consider membership, to maintain the bulletin board and the guest book, to maintain the pamphlet case and to arrange publicity was received. The appointment of such a committee at the normal time of appointing committees, under the name of Outreach Committee, was approved.

4. Consideration of ~~the proposal to~~ a new name for the meeting was postponed for another month.

5. Announcement was made of the Young Friends Winter Conference at Woolman Hill, 29-31 December. Grants of up to $30 to be used as partial or full scholarships ~~was made a~~ were made available as needed. John Zahradnik was asked to administer this fund.

-. Russell Brooks reported that 36 persons attended the cooperative Thanksgiving at Woolman Hill. The dinner proved a happy occasion for those participating.

6. The Building Committee was asked to submit to next monthly meeting a comprehensive list of furniture and equipment required for the new meetinghouse together with cost estimates and an indication of those items needed immediately.

- The First Day School Committee announced that the class sessions and activity period is to be replaced by a carol sing and tree trimming on Christmas Sunday. It also announced that the next meeting - 17 January at the Fosters - would be open to all to attend, especially teachers and parents.

7. At the request of Ministry and Counsel, the meeting considered the method or methods to be used in preparing the report on the State of Society. The proposal to hold a special meeting in a leisurely and contential atmosphere for the consideration of the Queries was approved for the 4th Wednesday in January at Woolman Hill at 7:45 pm. The clerk was asked to preside. It was also indicated that the purpose of the meeting is to assess the state of society rather than to consider

MIDDLE CONNECTICUT VALLEY MEETING OF FRIENDS

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1. The minutes of the meeting of 11/13/63 were approved with instructions to the Recording Clerk to check with the treasurer, the amount reported as being needed to meet the initial downpayment.

2. The nomination for membership of Joseph and Teresina Owens, which was the endorsement of Ministry and Counsel, was approved re a transfer of membership from the Twin Cities Meeting. Associate membership for Lucia and Wilfrid Owens was also granted. A joyful welcome was extended to the Owens. The Clerk was instructed to correspond with the clerk of the Twin Cities Meeting regarding the transfer.

3. The recommendation of Ministry and Counsel that an advancement committee be appointed to list possible uses of the existing of Friends in welcome seekers and to encourage them to consider membership, to maintain the Meetinghouse and the grounds, to maintain the pamphlet case and to arrange publicity was received. The appointment of such a committee at the normal time of appointments for committees, under the name of Outreach Committee, was approved.

4. Consideration of ~~the meeting~~ a new name for the meeting was postponed for another month.

5. Announcement was made of the Young Friends Winter Conference at Goshen Hill. [illegible] was made of up to $25 to be used [illegible] or full scholarships was made available as needed. John Zajchowski was asked to administer this fund.

-. Russell Brooks reported that 36 persons attended the cooperative Thanksgiving at Woodman Hill. The dinner proved a happy occasion for those participating.

6. The Building Committee was asked to submit to next monthly meeting a comprehensive list of furniture and equipment required for the new meetinghouse together with cost estimates and an indication of those items needed immediately.

- First Day School Committee announced that the class sessions and activity [illegible] also announced that the next meeting - 12 January at the Porters - would be open to all to attend, especially teachers and parents.

[illegible] used in preparing the report on the state of Society. The proposal [illegible] was approved for the 6th Wednesday in January at Goshen Hill [illegible]. The clerk was asked to preside. It was also indicated that the purpose of the meeting is to assess the state of Society rather than to consider

each query in detail.

-. Robert Myers announced that builders insurance on the meetinghouse has been arranged through King and Cushman. The insurance may be converted on the completion of the building.

-. Announcements.

-. The meeting concluded at 10:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert M. Agard
Recording Clerk

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